



# How to Impact Change

## **Understand the legislative process**

- The State of Arizona has 30 legislative districts.
  - There are 2 state representatives and 1 state senator from each district  
Each district has approximately 213,000 constituents
  - State senators and representatives are elected every two years, subject to term limitations
  - The legislative session begins the second Monday in January each year and is supposed to last 100 days (usually more; except this year due to COVID pandemic)
  - There are 5,000 interest groups represented by 1,000 registered lobbyists working on 1,500 bills each session



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## **Get to know your legislators**

- Personal visits
- Attend town hall meetings
- Write a letter
- Send an email message

## **Request to speak in committee testimony**



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## **Key things to remember**

- Be well prepared for your discussions
- Provide a written statement with all verbal presentations
- Make letters and email formal, specific and concise
- Do not berate or argue with your legislator when you disagree. Simply thank the member for the time spent with you and express a desire for a future discussion.