

Alternative expenditure limitations

Auditor General review

[Arizona Revised Statutes \(A.R.S.\) §41-563.03](#) requires the person, group, organization, or city or town council proposing the alternative expenditure limitation to submit the following documents to the Auditor General at least 60 days before the election and before printing the publicity pamphlet:

1. A detailed analysis that contains the following information:
 - a. The specific amounts estimated the city or town will spend in specific areas for a period of 4 consecutive fiscal years
 - b. Specific amounts of estimated revenue from all sources and any assumptions used in estimating such revenue for a period of 4 consecutive fiscal years
2. A summary analysis that contains the following information:
 - a. The total amount of estimated expenditures under the proposed alternative expenditure limitation for a period of 4 consecutive fiscal years
 - b. The total amount of estimated expenditures under the constitutional expenditure limitation, considering constitutionally allowed exclusions, for a period of 4 consecutive fiscal years
 - c. Estimated revenues from all sources from which the city or town will fund any expenditure limitation for a period of 4 consecutive fiscal years
 - d. A statement that if a majority of the qualified voters do not approve the proposed alternative expenditure limitation, the constitutional expenditure limitation will apply to the city or town

The Auditor General must review the detailed and summary analyses within 15 working days of receiving them. The Auditor General may request additional information necessary to clarify or correct the analyses. The Auditor General then returns the reviewed analyses to the city or town. No revision may be made to the documents after the Auditor General's review.

The city or town clerk must retain the reviewed analyses and make copies available to any registered voter.

Publicity pamphlet

[A.R.S. §41-563.03](#) requires a city or town to prepare and print publicity pamphlets presenting the proposed alternative expenditure limitation to be voted upon and related information [A.R.S. §§19-123](#) and [19-141](#) require. The city or town must submit a copy of the publicity pamphlet to the Auditor General before the election. The city or town must mail one copy of the publicity pamphlet to each household containing a registered voter before the earliest date that registered voters can receive early ballots. If pamphlets are not mailed by that date, the city or town must provide voters a notice with early ballots that states when it will mail the pamphlets and when and where voters may access or view the pamphlet. The city or town must mail the pamphlet not less than 10 days before the election. In order to comply with this requirement, the city or town council may need to submit the

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detailed and summary analyses described above to the Auditor General earlier than 60 days before the election date.

The publicity pamphlets must include the following information:

1. The election date
2. The polling places' names and locations and the times they are open
3. A true and complete copy of the proposed alternative expenditure limitation's title and text
4. The form in which the proposed alternative expenditure limitation will appear on the ballot, the official title, a descriptive title, and the number by which the alternative expenditure limitation will be designated
5. A summary of estimated total expenditures under the proposed alternative expenditure limitation for a period of 4 consecutive fiscal years, as the Auditor General reviewed it
6. Any exclusions under the proposed alternative expenditure limitation
7. A summary of the estimated total expenditures under the constitutional expenditure limitation, considering constitutionally allowed exclusions, for a period of 4 consecutive fiscal years, as the Auditor General reviewed it
8. A summary of estimated revenue from all sources from which the city or town will fund any expenditure limitation for a period of 4 consecutive fiscal years, as the Auditor General reviewed it
9. A statement that if a majority of the qualified voters does not approve the proposed alternative expenditure limitation, the constitutional expenditure limitation will apply to the city or town
10. Arguments for and against the proposed alternative expenditure limitation, or an indication that no arguments for/against were received

Official ballot

The ballot must be in the form [A.R.S. §19-125](#) prescribes unless more than one alternative expenditure limitation is to be voted upon. In that case, the ballot must be in a format that enables voters to vote separately on each proposed alternative expenditure limitation. The official ballot must include the following information:

1. The proposed alternative expenditure limitation's official title and number
2. A statement disclosing whether a person, group, organization, or city or town council referred the proposed alternative expenditure limitation to be voted upon
3. A descriptive title not to exceed 50 words that includes a summary of the principal provisions of the proposed alternative expenditure limitation

The city or town must provide a copy of the election results to the Auditor General and Economic Estimates Commission as soon as the official canvass is completed.