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## Is Arizona the next Virginia?



Too many Virginians thought their gun rights were untouchable. That kind of thinking was certainly understandable. Thanks to the [Virginia Citizens Defense League's](#) efforts, Virginia had not seen any serious gun control passed since 1995, except for the year 2000 when Virginia got a ban on carry on K-12 school property after the Columbine massacre. It was now 2019. Just another year with another election. Many gun owners did not see any necessity to get involved in politics, to the extent that some were not even registered to vote! Others did not bother to show up at the polls. They could have voted absentee but did not do that either.

No one was paying much attention to the massive amount of money that Michael Bloomberg was pouring into Virginia in support of Democrat candidates and gun control. That money changed everything and bought him the Democrat Party leadership. It is not just Virginia that Bloomberg has targeted. He is also pumping money into states like *Arizona* and Texas.

The election proved to be a disaster for gun owners, with the party of gun-control – the Democrat party -- now narrowly in control of the State House and Senate. The Democrats already controlled the Governor's office, the Lt. Governor's office, and the Attorney General's office. They now had total power for the first time in over two decades.

The Democrats wasted no time talking about gun bans, magazine bans, suppressor bans, one handgun a month, local gun control, red flag laws, universal background checks, and more. In one legislative session, they began dismantling many of the good gun laws that it took two decades to enact. The gun control zealots have already set their agenda for the next legislative session to enact more draconian gun laws designed to restrict our rights even more.

The lesson from Virginia is simple and applies to the entire United States: you are always but one election away from having your freedom curtailed.

Wake up NOW, get active NOW, and STAY ACTIVE. Make sure friends and family are registered to vote and get them to the polls every time there is an election. Ask non-gun owning friends to come to the range with you. Teach them firearm safety and then how to shoot. One fun day on the range, they will be hooked, and they will understand the lies that gun-controllers spew out.

Freedom comes at a cost and our enemies will never stop trying to take that freedom away. I hate that with every fiber of my being. But it is a fact and we all need to accept that and face it head-on.

Finally, be a [dues paying member of AzCDL](#), and provide them generous [donations](#). They can work wonders with a large, active membership and enough working capital.

They say a smart man learns from his mistakes, but a smarter man learns from the mistakes of others. Be that smarter man and learn from us here in Virginia, as we are now in a fight just to get our rights back to where they were and that could take years. Or keep your heads in the sand and at least we will have some good company!



Philip Van Cleave  
President  
Virginia Citizens Defense League

# 2019 & 2020 Legislatures

## How They Voted

	District	Party	2019				2020			
			HB	HB	SB	SB	HB	HCR	SB	SB
<b>House</b>			<b>2257</b>	<b>2693</b>	<b>1291</b>	<b>1292</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>1664</b>	<b>1665</b>
John Allen	15	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Richard C. Andrade	29	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Nancy Barto	15	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Leo Biasiucci	5	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Walter Blackman	6	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Isela Blanc	26	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
Reginald Bolding, Jr.	27	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Shawna Bolick	20	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Russell "Rusty" Bowers	25	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Kelli Butler	28	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
Noel Campbell	1	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Andres Cano	3	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Frank Carroll	22	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
César Chávez	29	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Regina E. Cobb	5	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
David L. Cook	8	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Domingo DeGrazia	10	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
Timothy M. Dunn	13	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Kirsten Engel	10	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Mitzi Epstein	18	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Diego Espinoza	19	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
Charlene R. Fernandez	4	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
John Fillmore	16	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Mark Finchem	11	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Randall Friese	9	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Rosanna Gabaldón	2	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Travis W. Grantham	12	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Gail Griffin	14	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Alma Hernandez	3	D	*	NV	●	*	*	●	*	*
Daniel Hernandez, Jr.	2	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
Jennifer Jermaine	18	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
John Kavanagh	23	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Anthony T. Kern	20	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Jay Lawrence	23	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Aaron Lieberman	28	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
Jennifer Longdon	24	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
Robert Meza	30	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Becky A. Nutt	14	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Joanne Osborne	13	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Jennifer Pawlik	17	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	*
Kevin Payne	21	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Geraldine Peten	4	D	*			*	*	●	*	*
Warren Petersen	12	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	*
Steve Pierce	1	R	*	NA		*	*	●	*	*
Pamela Powers Hannley	9	D	*			*	*		*	*
Tony Rivero	21	R	*	●	NV	*	*	●	*	*

### Description of Bills

#### 2019 Legislation

##### HB 2257

Would have enforced the duty to protect those entering a facility that allows public access, but bans firearms, and establish a civil liability if a person is harmed because they were disarmed. Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers held HB 2257 from First Read until the deadline for hearing bills in House committees expired. His actions effectively killed the bill early in the session.

##### HB 2693

Would have removed the requirement that a firearm must be unloaded when carried in a vehicle, by an adult, on school grounds. HB 2693 failed to pass out of the Senate when Republican Senators Kate Brophy McGee and Heather Carter joined with the Democrats to kill the bill.

##### SB 1291

Signed by the Governor. Repealed the decades old law that made it a Class 4 felony to possess nunchakus. The law was so broadly written that possession of a jump rope was illegal.

##### SB 1292

Would have reduced the penalty for entering a state or local government facility or event that bans firearms to a Petty Offense. SB 1292 passed out of the Senate Judiciary committee but the Republican Senate Leadership prevented it from being scheduled for a debate and vote by the full Senate. The votes shown in the chart are those of the Senate Judiciary committee members.

#### Footnotes

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	District	Party	2019				2020			
			HB 2257	HB 2693	SB 1291	SB 1292	HB 2093	HCR 2033	SB 1664	SB 1665
<b>House (continued)</b>										
Bret Roberts	11	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	
Diego Rodriguez	27	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	
Athena Salman	26	D	*			*	*		*	
Amish Shah	24	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	
Thomas "T.J." Shope, Jr.	8	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	
Lorenzo Sierra	19	D	*			*	*	●	*	
David Stringer	1	R	*	●	NA	*	Resigned 3/27/19			
Arlando Teller	7	D	*		●	*	*	●	*	
Raquel Terán	30	D	*			*	*	●	*	
Bob Thorpe	6	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	
Ben Toma	22	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	
Kelly Townsend	16	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	
Myron Tsosie	7	D	*	NV		*	*	●	*	
Michelle Udall	25	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	
Jeff Weninger	17	R	*	●	●	*	*	●	*	
<b>Senate</b>										
Sylvia Allen	6	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	●	
Lela Alston	24	D	*		●	*	*	*	*	
Sonny Borrelli	5	R	*	●	●	●	*	*	●	
Sean Bowie	18	D	*	NV	●	*	*	*	*	
Paul Boyer	20	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	*	
David Bradley	10	D	*		●	*	*	*	*	
Kate Brophy McGee	28	R	*		●	*	*	*	*	
Heather Carter	15	R	*		●	*	*	*	*	
Lupe Contreras	19	D	*		●		*	*	*	
Andrea Dalessandro	2	D	*				*	*	*	
Karen Fann	1	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	*	
David C. Farnsworth	16	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	●	
Eddie Farnsworth	12	R	*	●	●	●	*	*	●	
Sally Ann Gonzales	3	D	*		●	*	*	*	*	
David Gowan	14	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	●	
Rick Gray	21	R	*	●	●	●	*	*	●	
Sine Kerr	13	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	●	
Vince Leach	11	R	*	●	●	●	*	*	●	
David Livingston	22	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	●	
Juan Mendez	26	D	*			*	*	*	*	
J.D. Mesnard	17	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	●	
Tony Navarrete	30	D	*		●	*	*	*	*	
Lisa Otondo	4	D	*		●	*	*	*	*	
Tyler Pace	25	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	●	
Jamescita Peshlakai	7	D	*			*	*	*	*	
Frank Pratt	8	R	*	●	●	*	*	*	*	
Martin Quezada	29	D	*				*	*	*	
Rebecca Rios	27	D	*		●	*	*	*	NV	
Victoria Steele	9	D	*			*	*	*	*	
Michelle Ugenti-Rita	23	R	*	●	NV	*	*	*	●	

**Description of Bills**

**2020 Legislation**

**On April 23, largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Arizona Legislature adjourned, effectively stopping the progress of all firearms related legislation**

**HB 2093**

Would have made any act, law, treaty, order, rule or regulation of the U.S. government that violates the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution null, void and unenforceable in Arizona. HB 2093 was held from First Read by Speaker Bowers until after the committee hearing deadline, effectively killing it early in the session.

**HCR 2033**

A non-binding resolution that the members of the Arizona Legislature reaffirm their support for your right to keep and bear arms. HCR 2033 passed out of the House by 58-2 on March 5, 2020. Two Democrat Representatives voted against it. With early adjournment of the Legislature, HCR 2033 never received a Senate committee hearing.

**SB 1664**

Would have made government entities that establish gun-free zones liable for damages by anyone harmed because they were unable to defend themselves. SB 1664 failed to pass out of the Senate on March 5th after Republican Senators Paul Boyer, Kate Brophy McGee, Heather Carter and Frank Pratt joined with the Democrats to kill the bill.

**SB 1665**

Would have reduced the penalty for being armed in a polling place, or a state or local government facility, that bans firearms to a Class 3 misdemeanor. With early adjournment of the Legislature, SB 1665 never received a Senate committee hearing.

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## Attorneys On Retainer Program

I'm honored that my law firm, the [Attorneys For Freedom](#), has been chosen by the Arizona Citizens Defense League (AzCDL) to be the recommended provider of discounted legal services to its members. Indeed, our [Self-Protection Plan](#) was created with AzCDL in mind. I've been both representing people charged with gun related crimes and educating Arizona's gun community about Arizona's gun laws for over 25 years. Because I've spent endless hours at gun shows, CCW courses and presenting to various pro-gun groups, I know many of you already. I'm already familiar with the questions and issues you are concerned about.

I already know what concerns you in the legal world. That's why our Self-Protection Plan includes a dedicated and experienced criminal defense attorney standing by 24/7/365 as well as all attorney's fees through a jury trial. Members pay nothing for attorney's fees when they are charged with one of the listed crimes. Even if a prosecutor is overzealous in pursuing charges, with the Self-Protection Plan, you will already have our law firm on your side, and you won't be forced into a plea for financial reasons. Different than other discount legal plans, with the Attorneys On Retainer Program, you aren't merely a member of some club and farmed out to a lawyer of their choice. Members of the [Attorneys On Retainer Program](#) are actually existing clients of our law firm. They receive exactly the same five-star zealous legal representation that our full paying clients receive.

For people who want more comprehensive legal protection in many more areas of law, the Self-Protection Plan can be



bundled with our Standard Option Plan for only an additional \$15.00 per month. With the Bundled Option Plan, AOR Members are totally protected against any legal issue turning into a financial catastrophe. Members with the Bundled Option Plan always get discounted pricing for all their legal needs in the broad areas of law which are covered.

As part of our win/win agreement with AzCDL, for every person who joins the Attorneys On Retainer Program by using the [AzCDL customized link](#), AzCDL will receive \$50.00 towards its general fund to benefit AzCDL directly. The Attorneys For Freedom Law Firm has always advocated for the rights of competent and responsible gun owners to keep and bear arms. This arrangement between AzCDL and The Attorneys For Freedom furthers our mission of defending freedom generally. We are very proud and honored to serve the AzCDL community, and we honor that relationship by continuing to keep our

standards of legal representation among the highest quality in the state. We guard our hard earned reputation for honesty, integrity and top quality legal representation very carefully. We continue to earn it with every case.

I'm happy to offer AzCDL members the opportunity to submit legal questions to our law firm for publication in future editions of this newsletter. We will endeavor to answer the best legal questions which are of interest to AzCDL members in each version of this newsletter. You can submit a legal question by sending an email to Fred at [treasurer@azcdl.org](mailto:treasurer@azcdl.org).

In closing, I'm honored to be associated with AzCDL, its members, and the Arizona gun community generally. Arizona continues to be a good example of how responsible gun owners can safely keep and bear arms. We are proud to be a part of that worthy effort.

For more information about the Attorneys on Retainer Program, or to have a brochure mailed to you, call AzCDL at (623) 242-9086 or email Fred at [treasurer@azcdl.org](mailto:treasurer@azcdl.org).

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## AzCDL 2020 Director Election Results



To promote continuity in leadership, the terms of office for AzCDL's directors are staggered. This year, the terms for the director positions held by Tom Woodrow and Fred Dahnke expire. Both sought reelection. No other nominations were received.

Per AzCDL's bylaws, a balloting process is not required when any individual runs unopposed. As a result, Tom and Fred have been reelected to 3 year terms.

The expiration dates for all AzCDL directors' terms of office are as follows:

2021—Dave Kopp & Ed Martinez  
 2022—Duke Schechter  
 2023—Fred Dahnke & Tom Woodrow

Pursuant to AzCDL's bylaws, following the election of directors, the Board appointed the following officers to one year terms:

Dave Kopp—Chairman of the Board  
 Dave Kopp—AzCDL President  
 Michael Gibbs—Vice President  
 Tom Woodrow—Secretary  
 Fred Dahnke—Treasurer  
 Charles Heller—Media Coordinator

