

ARIZONA STATE LAND DEPARTMENT

Proposition 119 Passed by the Voters in the November 2012 General Election

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Proposition 119, the Arizona State Trust Land proposition was passed by the voters with 1,194,594 yes votes.

Proposition 119 allows the for land exchanges to assist in preserving and protecting military facilities in Arizona from encroaching development or to improve the management of state lands for the purpose of sale or lease or conversion to public use of state lands.

Land exchanges are allowed for land owned or administered by state agencies, counties, municipalities or the United States and its agencies.

The Arizona State Land Department must:

- Adopt rules governing the application and procedure for the exchange of state land.
- Notify and deliver a report containing details of a proposed exchange to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the state legislators from the legislative districts in which the lands proposed to be exchange are located.

A land exchange:

- Requires at least two independent appraisals to be made available to the public. The appraisals must show that the true value of the any lands that the State receives in exchange equals or exceeds the true value of the lands the State conveys.
- Requires at least two independent analyses to be made available to the public. The analyses must show that:
 - the income to the Trust before the exchange from all lands the State conveys and the projected income to the Trust after the exchange from all lands the State receives,
 - the fiscal impact of the exchange on each county, city, town, and school district in which all the lands involved in the exchange are located, and
 - the physical, economic and natural resource impacts of the proposed exchange on the surrounding or directly adjacent local community and the impacts on local land uses and land plans.
- Must be in the best interest of the State Land Trust.
- Requires public notice to include full disclosure of all details of the transaction, the ownership of all parcels of the lands involved in the exchange, including independent and ancillary parties, a legal and general description of the location of all parcels, and the appraised value of all parcels.

- Requires public hearings held at the State Capital and in a location of general accessibility in the vicinity of the state lands being exchanged. A public meeting requires six week's notice that includes a public comment process.
- Requires voter approval at the next regular general election.