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“Majority Rule” Certified for the November Ballot *Measure Would Raise Approval Threshold Tax-Hiking Ballot Initiatives*

WASHINGTON D.C. – This week the Arizona Secretary of State certified the “Majority Rule” initiative for the November ballot. If “Majority Rule” is approved by voters, any ballot initiative that would increase taxes, raise fees, or direct spending must receive approval by a majority of registered voters in order to become law.

Under current law, ballot measures that raise taxes or impose new spending mandates need only garner a majority of cast votes to pass. Tax hikes and spending mandates enacted by such measures cannot be altered, scaled back, or amended by the legislature; regardless of budget or economic constraints. “Majority Rule” will appear on the ballot as Proposition 105.

“Special interests are notorious for putting tax hikes on the ballot in off-year or low-profile elections when turn out is very low. The result is that a small segment of the population is able to permanently raise taxes on all Arizonans,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “Passage of proposition 105 will put an end to this tyranny of the minority.”

Arizona’s budget has increased 55 percent in the last 5 years. The state’s population has risen by 14 percent over the same period.

“The burden on Arizona taxpayers has increased exponentially throughout Governor Napolitano’s administration. ‘Majority Rule’ will make it much harder for Napolitano and her tax-and-spend ilk to steal more money from Arizona families.” added Norquist. “Arizonans spent 186 days in 2007, well over half of the year, paying for the cost of their government. Passage of Proposition 105 will do a great deal to make sure that future Cost of Government Days don’t come so late in the year.”

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jkartch@atr.org

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