

**BALLOT FORMAT**

**PROPOSITION 203**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY INITIATIVE PETITION

**OFFICIAL TITLE**

AN INITIATIVE MEASURE  
PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED  
STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 13; AMENDING TITLE 42,  
CHAPTER 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUES, BY ADDING ARTI-  
CLE 9; AND PROVIDING FOR INITIAL FUNDING AND INITIAL  
TERMS OF BOARD AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS;  
RELATING TO FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOP-  
MENT AND HEALTH PROGRAMS.

**DESCRIPTIVE TITLE**

ESTABLISHES EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND  
HEALTH BOARD AND FUND BY INCREASING THE STATE TAX  
ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS; MONIES DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY  
TO BENEFIT CHILDREN UP TO FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND  
THEIR FAMILIES; CREATES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUN-  
CILS TO IDENTIFY LOCAL NEEDS AND DISTRIBUTES MONIES  
BASED ON REGION, POPULATION, AND INCOME.

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A "yes" vote shall have the effect of [1] establish-  
ing an early childhood development health care  
board and fund, [2] **increasing the state tax on cig-  
arettes (.80 cents/pack),** cigars and other tobacco  
products, [3] establishing regional partnership  
councils throughout the state to identify childhood  
development and health services needs at the  
local level and [4] distributing monies and grants  
to eligible programs that serve children up to five  
years of age and their families.

**YES**

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining the  
current laws regarding early childhood education  
and taxation on tobacco products.

**NO**

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Spelling, grammar and punctuation were reproduced as submitted in the "for" and "against" arguments.