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5 Facts for the 2020 Legislative Session



There is revenue to invest.

- \$170 million for ongoing needs
 - \$475 million for one-time needs
- \$645 million

There are many funding needs.

- K-12 public schools;
- Universities and community colleges;
- Affordable housing trust fund;
- Childcare assistance;
- State employee pay raises;
- Heritage Fund (state parks);
- Roads

2020 is an election year.

House: 31 Republicans and 29 Democrats



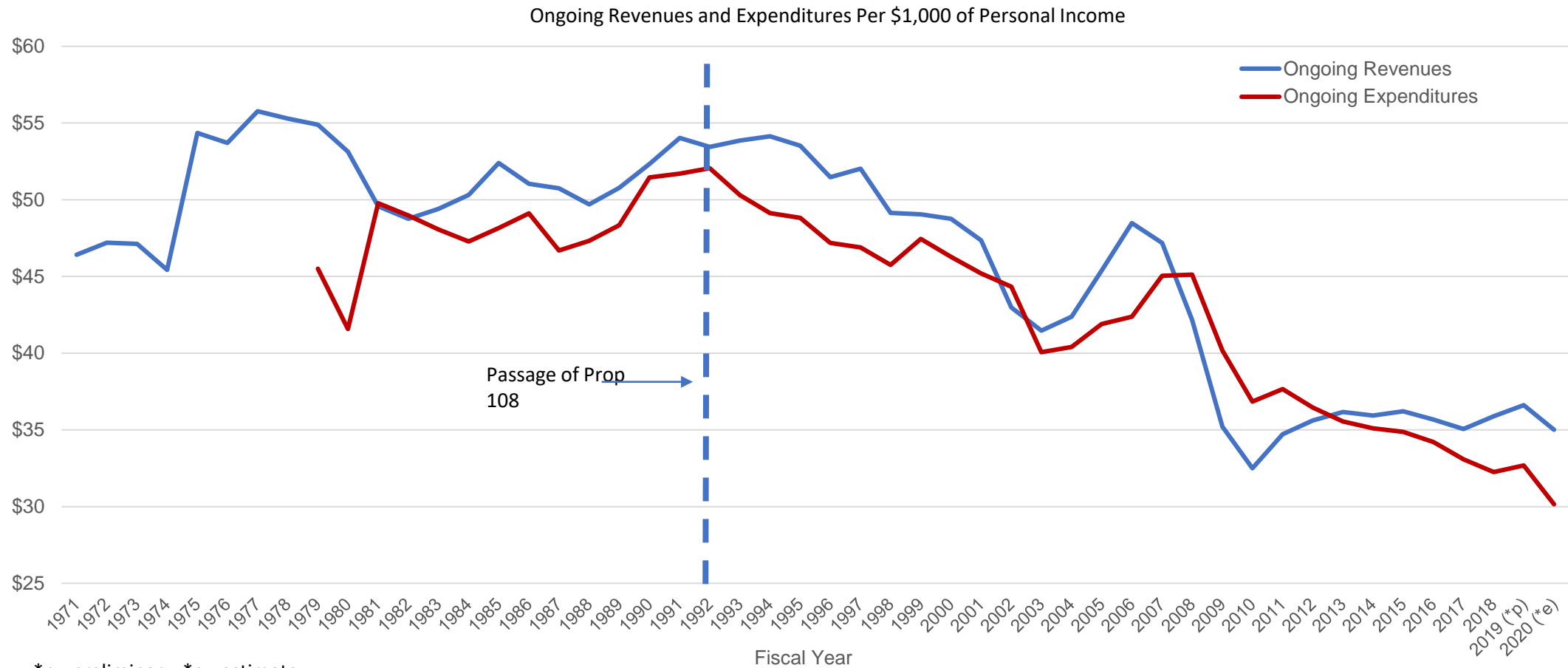
Senate: 17 Republicans and 13 Democrats



Taxes will go down not up.

- The Arizona legislature has cut taxes every year but one since 1990 reducing state revenues by \$5 billion when adjusted for inflation.
- The legislature has never been able to increase taxes since Proposition 108 passed in 1992 (requiring 2/3 vote in both chambers)

Prop 108 + Tax Cuts = 3 Decades of Underfunded Priorities



*p - preliminary *e - estimate

Source: Tabulations prepared by Tom Rex, Associate Director, Center for Competitiveness and Prosperity Research, Arizona State University, based on data from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Staff, *Appropriations Report*, various years and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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