

# Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs

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**HB 2105 (Chapter 28): state fair board; continuation**

Continues the Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board for eight years.  
Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**HB 2112 (Chapter 289): multi-county water district; directors; elections**

Prohibits a CAWCD employee or employee's spouse from serving as a CAWCD Board member.  
Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**HB 2225 (Chapter 166): vegetative natural products; removal; program**

Extends the deadline for the State Land Commissioner and State Forester to establish a program to remove vegetative natural products on State Trust Land. Repeals the program on July 1, 2027.  
Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**HB 2253 (Chapter 280): state veterinarian; animal identification; appropriation**

Prohibits the ADA Director from submitting animal identification data to the federal government unless required by state law or authorized by a voluntary participant in the National Animal Identification System. Appropriates \$217,976 and 4 FTE positions to the State Veterinarian and \$150,000 and 3 FTE positions to the Plan Services Division from the GF in FY 2018. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**HB 2366 (Chapter 232): agricultural land; fallowing; property tax**

Permits irrigation districts outside of Maricopa and Pima counties to issue an official certification to the county assessor verifying confirmation of a temporary reduction or transfer of water for agricultural use in the farm unit. Certification for partial reduction is not valid for full inactivity of the farm unit for more than one year. Land is not eligible for classification as cropland if the land is located in an AMA and does not have an irrigation grandfathered groundwater right. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**HB 2457 (Chapter 302): rural STEM program; tax credits**

Establishes the Rural STEM Program Fund for the purpose of supporting STEM programs in rural schools. Directs ADE to establish a process to apply for grants from the Fund, subject to review by the SBE. Outlines requirements for grant applications, updates on outcomes achieved, expenditures and reporting criteria. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**HB 2482 (Chapter 298): land subdividers; notice; certificate; exemption**

Allows a subdivider in an AMA to use a certificate of assured water supply issued to a previous land owner under certain conditions. Requires ADWR to post a list of all certificates that are revoked or pending proceedings before ADWR or the court on its website. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**SB 1121 (Chapter 173): certified qualified applicators; fingerprinting requirement**

Requires an applicant for certification as a new qualified applicator to submit a full set of fingerprints and applicable fees to the ADA Pest Management Division for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**SB 1184 (Chapter 285): appropriation; Arizona geological survey**

Appropriates \$941,000 from the GF to the Arizona Geological Survey in FY 2018. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**SB 1245 (Chapter 259): Wesley Bolin memorial; Rick Lavis**

Authorizes ADOA to provide for the placement of a memorial dedicated to Rick Lavis in Wesley Bolin Plaza. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**SB 1308 (Chapter 179): flood control districts; easements, leases**

Allows county flood control districts to grant an easement or lease district real property without public auction under certain conditions, unless the party is the state or a political subdivision. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

**SB 1412 (Chapter 189): surface water; adjudication**

Defers determination of water rights for all small water use claims in any specific subwatershed until all other claims are determined by the Superior Court in the course of the adjudication, unless the claimant has other water use claims in the same subwatershed. Asserts that the Superior Court or the Special Master is not precluded from approving settlements of small water use claims at any time during the course of the adjudication. Effective: August 9, 2017.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.