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SENATE BILL 1205

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-461, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2010,
CHAPTER 318, SECTION 6; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-461, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by
3 Laws 2010, chapter 318, section 6, is amended to read:

4 15-461. Transporting school districts: joining existing school
5 districts: dissolution

6 A. If a school district does not offer a full-time instructional
7 program in any grade level to the pupils who reside in that school district,
8 transports all of the pupils who reside in that school district to an
9 adjacent school district or school districts for instruction and transports
10 more than three hundred fifty pupils annually to an adjacent school district
11 or school districts, the county school superintendent shall dissolve the
12 transporting school district and annex the geographic boundaries of the
13 transporting school district to the adjacent school district that provides
14 instruction to the majority of the pupils who reside in the transporting
15 school district.

16 B. The county school superintendent shall make the record of
17 boundaries conform to the annexation and shall notify the board of
18 supervisors and the county assessor of the boundary change. The change is
19 effective immediately on notification from the county school superintendent.

20 C. The terms of the governing board members of the previously existing
21 transporting school district do not expire on the effective date of the
22 dissolution of the school district and continue until January 1 following the
23 next general election, during which time the members of the governing board
24 of the previously existing transporting school district shall serve as
25 additional members of the governing board of the adjacent school district.

26 D. The adjacent school district shall revise its annual budget to
27 reflect the annexation of the transporting school district.

28 E. The adjacent school district is liable for all indebtedness and
29 liabilities, bonded or otherwise, outstanding against the dissolved
30 transporting school district, and all property, balances and deficits of the
31 dissolved transporting school district become the property, balances and
32 deficits of the adjacent school district.

33 F. ON APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING
34 BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DOES NOT OFFER A FULL-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL
35 PROGRAM IN ANY GRADE LEVEL TO THE PUPILS WHO RESIDE IN THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
36 TRANSPORTS ALL OF THE PUPILS WHO RESIDE IN THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ANOTHER
37 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR INSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORTS FEWER THAN
38 TEN PUPILS ANNUALLY TO ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE
39 COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL CALL AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF
40 THE DISSOLUTION OF THE TRANSPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS
41 OF THE TRANSPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING
42 BOARD SHALL STATE THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DISSOLUTION, SET FORTH A PLAN
43 FOR EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT, DIVISION AND DISPOSITION OF THE ASSETS AND
44 LIABILITIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PROVIDE A PLAN FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF
45 THE OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE

1 PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE ELECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS NEARLY AS
2 PRACTICABLE IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE. THE BALLOTS SHALL
3 CONTAIN THE WORDS "DISSOLUTION OF TRANSPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT, YES" AND
4 "DISSOLUTION OF TRANSPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO", AND THE VOTER SHALL
5 SIGNIFY THE VOTER'S DESIRED CHOICE. IF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS
6 VOTING ON THE QUESTION IN THE TRANSPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE
7 DISSOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS DISSOLVED AND THE
8 AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FORMER TRANSPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL
9 REVERT TO UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.