

REFERENCE TITLE: conservation land; purpose; ownership

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Introduced by
Senator Griffin

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 42, CHAPTER 13, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11; RELATING TO CONSERVATION LAND.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 42, chapter 13, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 by adding article 11, to read:

4 ARTICLE 11. CONSERVATION LAND

5 42-13501. Identifying land used for conservation purposes:
6 definition

7 A. THE COUNTY ASSESSOR SHALL IDENTIFY LAND USED FOR CONSERVATION
8 PURPOSES UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

9 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A NEW IDENTIFIABLE PROPERTY USE CODE
10 FOR CONSERVATION LAND UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

11 C. LAND IDENTIFIED UNDER THIS ARTICLE MUST BE USED FOR CONSERVATION
12 PURPOSES AND BE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 1. OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY EMPOWERED TO HOLD AN INTEREST IN REAL
14 PROPERTY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR THE UNITED STATES.

15 2. OWNED BY A CHARITABLE CORPORATION OR TRUSTEE OF A CHARITABLE TRUST,
16 THE PURPOSES OR POWERS OF WHICH INCLUDE RETAINING OR PROTECTING THE NATURAL,
17 SCENIC OR OPEN SPACE VALUES OF REAL PROPERTY, ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF
18 REAL PROPERTY FOR AGRICULTURAL, FOREST, RECREATIONAL OR OPEN SPACE USE,
19 PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES, MAINTAINING OR ENHANCING AIR OR WATER QUALITY
20 OR PRESERVING THE HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR CULTURAL
21 ASPECTS OF REAL PROPERTY.

22 3. PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT HAS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT OR OTHER
23 CONSERVATION OVERLAY USE OR PURPOSE.

24 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CONSERVATION PURPOSES" MEANS ANY
25 OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

26 1. PRESERVING LAND AREAS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION BY, OR THE EDUCATION
27 OF, THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

28 2. PROTECTING A RELATIVELY NATURAL HABITAT OF FISH, WILDLIFE OR
29 PLANTS, A WILDERNESS OR RIPARIAN AREA OR A SIMILAR ECOSYSTEM.

30 3. PRESERVING OR PROTECTING OPEN SPACE.