



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1429

public retirement systems; special election

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lesko, LD 21

DP Committee on Insurance

DP Caucus and COW

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OVERVIEW

SB 1429 is an emergency measure that submits a constitutional amendment to public safety retirement at the special election on May 17, 2016.

PROVISIONS

1. Adds, in conjunction with the education finance special election held on May 17, 2016, a measure to amend the Arizona Constitution to provide for changes to public safety retirement by a vote of the people.
2. Requires submission of the Legislative Council analysis, Joint Legislative Budget Committee summary and arguments, with appropriate fee, to the Secretary of State (SOS) by February 23, 2016.
3. Applies general election laws except that the tabulation of votes by congressional districts is not required.
4. Contains an emergency clause.

CURRENT LAW

Any amendment to the Arizona Constitution may be proposed by: 1) the Legislature upon approval of a majority of members elected; or 2) an initiative petition signed by a number of qualified electors as outlined. The SOS is required to submit the proposed amendment to the vote of the people at the next general election, unless the Legislature calls for a special election. The proposed amendment is approved and ratified upon a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon. If more than one proposed amendment is submitted at any election, the proposed amendment must be voted in such a manner that the electors may vote for or against the proposed amendments separately ([Arizona Constitution, Article XXI, §1](#)).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[Laws 2015, First Special Session, Chapter 2](#) set forth provisions for holding a special election on May 17, 2016, to vote on education finance.