



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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**FINAL REVISED**  
**FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1214**

criminal trials; location

Purpose

Generalizes different forms of transportation as *in transit* for the purposes of determining where a trial should be held when the county in which the offense occurred cannot be readily determined.

Background

Current statute refers to specific forms of transportation, including in or upon any railroad, train, automobile, aircraft or other conveyance, when discussing where an offense was committed and where that trial may be held. Criminal prosecutions must be tried in the county in which an offense or the result of such conduct occurred, unless otherwise provided by law. However, if the location of the offense cannot be readily determined, the jurisdiction may be claimed by any county through or over which the conveyance passed (A.R.S. § 13-109).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Substitutes *in transit* as a general phrase replacing different forms of transportation while referring to an offense committed in an inconclusive location.
2. Makes technical and conforming changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Senate Action

JUD            01/28/16    DP    7-0-0  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Read        02/08/16            30-0-0

House Action

JUD            03/02/16    DP    5-0-0-1  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Read        03/10/16            58-0-2-0

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