



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1237

commission of Indian affairs; continuation

Purpose

Continues the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (Commission) for eight years.

Background

The Commission was created in 1953 to consider and study conditions among the Indians living within the State of Arizona. In 1986, the Legislature changed the Commission's statutory mission by requiring that the Commission serve as the state's liaison with tribes. The Commission exists to assist and support state and federal agencies in assisting Indians and tribal councils in this state to develop mutual goals, to design projects for achieving goals and to implement their plans.

The public body of the Commission consists of 20 members, including seven Indian members and four at-large members appointed by the Governor, and nine ex-officio members who serve by the virtue of their office. The Commission hosts two distinct events that enable the state and tribes to address issues on a regular basis: Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day and the Arizona Indian Town Hall.

The Commission receives an estimated \$57,400 from the state General Fund according to the FY 2017 JLBC Baseline report.

Provisions

1. Continues the Commission retroactively to July 1, 2016, through July 1, 2024.
2. Repeals the Commission on January 1, 2025.
3. Contains a purpose statement.
4. Makes technical changes.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a retroactive provision as noted.