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Representative Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB2757

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB 2757. Allowing voters statewide to vote on whether to retain all Court of Appeals judges regardless of the judge's Division assignment, while retaining the Division structure, would unfairly dilute the votes of those Arizonans most directly impacted by each Division's judges. I urge the Legislature next session to take a more holistic look at the organization of the Court of Appeals, including its retention election rules, and craft more comprehensive improvements for Arizonans. HB 2757, standing alone, is not the right approach.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:
President Petersen
Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House
Secretary Fontes