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# SENATE BILL 1122

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-459, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2018, CHAPTER 335, SECTION 1; AMENDING SECTION 15-459, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2018, CHAPTER 335, SECTION 2; RELATING TO SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-459, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by  
3 Laws 2018, chapter 335, section 1, is amended to read:

4 15-459. Consolidation of districts: petition: election:  
5 notice: report: ballots: canvass of votes:  
6 governing board

7 A. On the request of the governing boards of two or more school  
8 districts in the same county or in adjacent counties or on receipt of  
9 petitions bearing the signatures of ten percent or more of the number of  
10 qualified electors who voted in whichever of the last two general  
11 elections resulted in the higher number of ballots cast and who reside in  
12 each of two or more school districts in the same county or in adjacent  
13 counties to consolidate the school districts or parts of the districts,  
14 the county school superintendent of each of the counties affected, within  
15 ten days, shall call an election to determine the question on  
16 consolidation.

17 B. Consolidations allowed pursuant to subsection A of this section  
18 include:

19 1. To change the boundaries of a school district to include any  
20 part of an adjacent school district.

21 2. If all the common school districts within the boundaries of an  
22 existing union high school district desire to consolidate into one common  
23 school district.

24 3. If two or more adjacent school districts of like character,  
25 either common, high or unified school districts, desire to consolidate  
26 into one common, high or unified school district.

27 4. If a common school district that is not a part of a union high  
28 school district desires to consolidate with an adjacent unified school  
29 district.

30 5. If two or more common school districts desire to consolidate  
31 into one school district and unify the consolidated district with a union  
32 high school district to form one unified school district.

33 6. To change the boundaries of a school district that has received  
34 a letter grade of A or B pursuant to section 15-241 to include another  
35 school district within twenty miles.

36 7. If a common school district that is part of a union high school  
37 district made up of two or fewer common school districts desires to  
38 consolidate with that union high school district.

39 C. Notice of the election to determine consolidation of school  
40 districts shall be posted in ~~not less than~~ AT LEAST three public places in  
41 each of the school districts proposed to be consolidated at least  
42 twenty-five days before the election.

43 D. The county school superintendent shall prepare and the governing  
44 board shall distribute a report on the proposed boundary changes in a

1 manner similar to that prescribed in section 15-481, subsection B. The  
2 report shall contain the following information:

- 3 1. The date of the election.
- 4 2. The polling places and times they are open.
- 5 3. The full cash value, the assessed valuation and the estimated  
6 amount of the primary property taxes and the estimated amount of the  
7 secondary property taxes under the proposed boundary changes for each of  
8 the following:

9 (a) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is the  
10 average assessed valuation of property classified as class three, as  
11 prescribed by section 42-12003 for the current year in the school  
12 district.

13 (b) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is  
14 one-half of the assessed valuation of the residence in subdivision (a) of  
15 this paragraph.

16 (c) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is twice  
17 the assessed valuation of the residence in subdivision (a) of this  
18 paragraph.

19 (d) A business whose assessed valuation is the average of the  
20 assessed valuation of property classified as class one, as prescribed by  
21 section 42-12001, paragraphs 12 and 13 for the current year in the school  
22 district.

23 4. A consolidation plan to include:

24 (a) The proposed boundary changes.

25 (b) The impact of the proposed boundary changes, including where  
26 pupils will attend school, changes in pupil transportation services,  
27 changes in availability of special education services, changes in  
28 pupil-teacher ratio and operational costs.

29 (c) If subsection P of this section applies to one or more of the  
30 existing school districts, a detailed description of desegregation funding  
31 and expenses for the resulting school district as set forth in subsection  
32 P of this section.

33 (d) Any other information the county school superintendent deems  
34 appropriate to include.

35 E. Ballots shall be prepared by the county school superintendent,  
36 shall be delivered to the inspector at least forty-eight hours before the  
37 opening of the polls as prescribed in section 16-509 and shall contain the  
38 information prescribed in subsection D, paragraph 3 of this section and  
39 the following statement: "Consolidation includes the assumption of  
40 liability by the resulting school district for all indebtedness of  
41 existing school districts or those parts of school districts proposed for  
42 consolidation. Do you support consolidation under the specified  
43 provisions of the consolidation plan? Yes ( ) No ( )." If the election  
44 is to simultaneously consolidate and unify two or more common school  
45 districts, the ballot shall contain: "Do you support the consolidation of

1 the (insert names of common school districts) and the subsequent  
2 unification of the consolidated districts with the (insert name of union  
3 high school district) to form one unified school district under the  
4 consolidation and unification plan? Yes ( ) No ( )."

5 F. The county school superintendent shall hold the election during  
6 the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year consolidation is proposed to be  
7 effective on a date prescribed by section 16-204. The election shall be  
8 held in the manner and electors shall possess qualifications as prescribed  
9 for the election of governing board members. The results of the election  
10 shall be reported to the county school superintendent.

11 G. The county school superintendent and the chairman of the board  
12 of supervisors, on the seventh day after the election, shall canvass the  
13 vote. ~~AS FOLLOWS:~~

14 1. FOR ELECTIONS TO CONSOLIDATE UNDER SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 7 OF  
15 THIS SECTION, if a majority of the TOTAL votes cast ~~in each district~~  
16 approved the consolidation, the districts PROPOSED TO BE CONSOLIDATED are  
17 consolidated and become one district from and after June 30 next following  
18 the election.

19 2. FOR ELECTIONS TO CONSOLIDATE UNDER SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPHS 1  
20 THROUGH 6 OF THIS SECTION, IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST IN EACH  
21 DISTRICT APPROVED THE CONSOLIDATION, THE DISTRICTS ARE CONSOLIDATED AND  
22 BECOME ONE DISTRICT FROM AND AFTER JUNE 30 NEXT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.  
23 If parts of two or more school districts are proposed to be consolidated,  
24 a majority of the voters in the part of a school district or districts not  
25 affected by the proposed consolidation and a majority of the voters in the  
26 part of the school district or districts proposed for consolidation must  
27 approve the consolidation.

28 H. If a school district provides only financing for pupils who are  
29 instructed by another school district in the same county or in an adjacent  
30 county, the school district or any part of the school district may be  
31 consolidated with the school district providing the instructional program  
32 as follows:

33 1. The governing board of the financing school district approves  
34 the consolidation or ten percent of the qualified electors residing in the  
35 school district, or that part of the school district proposed for  
36 consolidation, petitions the county school superintendent to call an  
37 election to approve the proposed consolidation.

38 2. At an election called by the county school superintendent of  
39 each of the counties affected, a majority of the persons voting in the  
40 school district, or that part of the school district providing financing,  
41 approve the proposed consolidation and a majority of the persons voting in  
42 the district providing instruction approve the proposed consolidation.

43 I. Elections held as provided in subsection H of this section shall  
44 be conducted in the same manner as elections prescribed in subsections C

1 through G of this section and shall be held concurrently as prescribed in  
2 section 15-458.

3 J. If the consolidated district includes territory located in two  
4 or more counties, the county of jurisdiction is the county in which the  
5 largest number of qualified electors of the consolidated school district  
6 resides, except that if all of the existing school buildings are in one  
7 county, that county is the county of jurisdiction. The county school  
8 superintendent of the jurisdictional county shall perform all duties for  
9 and with respect to the consolidated school district as required to be  
10 performed by county school superintendents. The board of supervisors of  
11 the jurisdictional county shall perform all duties for and with respect to  
12 the consolidated school district as required to be performed by boards of  
13 supervisors, except that school district taxes to be levied on property in  
14 the portion of the consolidated school district lying in another county  
15 shall be levied by the board of supervisors of the other county or  
16 counties and on receipt shall be transferred to the county of  
17 jurisdiction. All school buildings located within the consolidated school  
18 district, together with all equipment and furnishings, become the property  
19 of the consolidated school district. Any assumed indebtedness is an  
20 indebtedness of the consolidated school district for the purpose of  
21 determining the debt incurring authority of the consolidated school  
22 district.

23 K. Sections 15-457, 15-975 and 15-997 apply to school districts  
24 that are consolidated as provided in subsection H of this section.

25 L. Consolidation pursuant to this section is not allowed if the  
26 resulting school district would have a student count for the current year  
27 of more than ten percent of the total student count of all school  
28 districts in this state.

29 M. The governing board is constituted, may conduct meetings and  
30 shall prepare policies, curricula and budgets for the new school district  
31 after the canvass pursuant to subsection G of this section demonstrates  
32 that a majority of the TOTAL votes cast ~~in each school district~~ FOR  
33 ELECTIONS TO CONSOLIDATE UNDER SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 7 OF THIS SECTION  
34 OR A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ELECTIONS TO  
35 CONSOLIDATE UNDER SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 6 OF THIS SECTION  
36 approved the consolidation. These policies shall require that:

37 1. The base salary and benefits of each employee for the first year  
38 of operation of the new school district shall not be lower than the  
39 employee's base salary and benefits for the prior year in the previously  
40 existing school district.

41 2. The employee's years of employment in the previously existing  
42 school district shall be included in determining the employee's years of  
43 employment in the new school district. An employee who was entitled to  
44 continuing employment contract status in the previously existing school

1 district is entitled to continuing employment contract status in the new  
2 school district.

3 3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection and  
4 pursuant to section 15-544, ~~nothing in~~ this section ~~shall be construed to~~  
5 DOES NOT restrict the ability of the governing board to implement a  
6 reduction in force or to scale back salaries of certified teachers,  
7 administrators or noncertificated employees for reasons of economy or to  
8 improve the efficient conduct of schools within the district following a  
9 school district consolidation.

10 N. If all of the districts to be consolidated have authorization  
11 for an override as provided in section 15-481 that would have continued  
12 after the consolidation, the override authorization continues for the new  
13 district and expires at the time that the earliest override would have  
14 expired.

15 O. If one or more, but not all, of the districts to be consolidated  
16 have authorization for an override as provided in section 15-481 that  
17 would have continued after the consolidation, the override authorization  
18 shall only apply to the schools included under the terms of the prior  
19 override authorization. Consolidation of school districts does not  
20 consolidate or pool the liability to be taxed for the override, and only  
21 property that was located within the boundaries of the district that  
22 approved the override ~~prior to~~ BEFORE consolidation is to pay taxes to  
23 support the override. This subsection also applies if all of the  
24 districts to be consolidated have authorization for overrides, but the  
25 authorizations are pursuant to different subsections of section 15-481 or  
26 the override amounts are not the same percentage of the revenue control  
27 limit.

28 P. Notwithstanding section 15-457, consolidation of school  
29 districts does not consolidate or pool the liability of the former school  
30 districts into the resulting school district. Outstanding indebtedness  
31 incurred by a school district before consolidation shall be repaid without  
32 interruption according to existing debt schedules as determined by the  
33 county board of supervisors. If a school district consolidates after July  
34 1, 2004, the new school district may pay tuition to the district of  
35 attendance when a pupil is precluded by distance or lack of transportation  
36 from attending school in the district of a pupil's residence.

37 Q. If one or more of the previously existing school districts were  
38 authorized to budget for expenses of complying with or continuing to  
39 implement activities that were required or permitted by court order of  
40 desegregation or administrative agreement with the United States  
41 department of education office for civil rights directed toward  
42 remediating alleged or proven racial discrimination pursuant to section  
43 15-910, this authorization does not expire on the effective date of  
44 consolidation but only applies to schools included in the court order or  
45 administrative agreement.

1 R. If the formation of a new consolidated and unified school  
2 district is authorized, the terms of the governing board members of the  
3 common and union high school districts do not expire on the effective date  
4 of the unification. The governing board members of the previously  
5 existing school districts shall serve as provided in section 15-430,  
6 except that the power of the governing board members of the previously  
7 existing school districts acting as the governing board of the unified  
8 school district is limited to the maintenance and operation of the  
9 previously existing school districts and compliance with the consolidation  
10 and unification plan.

11 S. If a union high school district is consolidated with a common  
12 school district as provided in subsection B, paragraph 7 of this section  
13 to form a unified school district, any common school district that is not  
14 included in the consolidation shall become a common school district that  
15 is not within a high school district and is subject to section 15-951.  
16 The unified school district shall admit high school pupils who reside in a  
17 common school district that was located within the boundaries of the  
18 former union high school district. The common school district shall pay  
19 tuition for high school pupils as specified in section 15-824 and subject  
20 to section 15-448, subsection J.

21 Sec. 2. Section 15-459, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by  
22 Laws 2018, chapter 335, section 2, is amended to read:

23 15-459. Consolidation of districts; petition; election;  
24 notice; report; ballots; canvass of votes;  
25 governing board

26 A. On the request of the governing boards of two or more school  
27 districts in the same county or in adjacent counties or on receipt of  
28 petitions bearing the signatures of ten percent or more of the number of  
29 qualified electors who voted in whichever of the last two general  
30 elections resulted in the higher number of ballots cast and who reside in  
31 each of two or more school districts in the same county or in adjacent  
32 counties to consolidate the school districts or parts of the districts,  
33 the county school superintendent of each of the counties affected, within  
34 ten days, shall call an election to determine the question on  
35 consolidation.

36 B. Consolidations allowed pursuant to subsection A of this section  
37 include:

38 1. To change the boundaries of a school district to include any  
39 part of an adjacent school district.

40 2. If all the common school districts within the boundaries of an  
41 existing union high school district desire to consolidate into one common  
42 school district.

43 3. If two or more adjacent school districts of like character,  
44 either common, high or unified school districts, desire to consolidate  
45 into one common, high or unified school district.

1           4. If a common school district that is not a part of a union high  
2 school district desires to consolidate with an adjacent unified school  
3 district.

4           5. If two or more common school districts desire to consolidate  
5 into one school district and unify the consolidated district with a union  
6 high school district to form one unified school district.

7           6. To change the boundaries of a school district that has received  
8 a letter grade of A or B pursuant to section 15-241 to include another  
9 school district within twenty miles.

10          C. Notice of the election to determine consolidation of school  
11 districts shall be posted in ~~not less than~~ AT LEAST three public places in  
12 each of the school districts proposed to be consolidated at least  
13 twenty-five days before the election.

14          D. The county school superintendent shall prepare and the governing  
15 board shall distribute a report on the proposed boundary changes in a  
16 manner similar to that prescribed in section 15-481, subsection B. The  
17 report shall contain the following information:

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20           3. The full cash value, the assessed valuation and the estimated  
21 amount of the primary property taxes and the estimated amount of the  
22 secondary property taxes under the proposed boundary changes for each of  
23 the following:

24           (a) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is the  
25 average assessed valuation of property classified as class three, as  
26 prescribed by section 42-12003 for the current year in the school  
27 district.

28           (b) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is  
29 one-half of the assessed valuation of the residence in subdivision (a) of  
30 this paragraph.

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32 the assessed valuation of the residence in subdivision (a) of this  
33 paragraph.

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35 assessed valuation of property classified as class one, as prescribed by  
36 section 42-12001, paragraphs 12 and 13 for the current year in the school  
37 district.

38           4. A consolidation plan to include:

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41 pupils will attend school, changes in pupil transportation services,  
42 changes in availability of special education services, changes in  
43 pupil-teacher ratio and operational costs.

44           (c) If subsection P of this section applies to one or more of the  
45 existing school districts, a detailed description of desegregation funding



1 and expenses for the resulting school district as set forth in subsection  
2 P of this section.

3 (d) Any other information the county school superintendent deems  
4 appropriate to include.

5 E. Ballots shall be prepared by the county school superintendent,  
6 shall be delivered to the inspector at least forty-eight hours before the  
7 opening of the polls as prescribed in section 16-509 and shall contain the  
8 information prescribed in subsection D, paragraph 3 of this section and  
9 the following statement: "Consolidation includes the assumption of  
10 liability by the resulting school district for all indebtedness of  
11 existing school districts or those parts of school districts proposed for  
12 consolidation. Do you support consolidation under the specified provisions  
13 of the consolidation plan? Yes ( ) No ( )." If the election is to  
14 simultaneously consolidate and unify two or more common school districts,  
15 the ballot shall contain: "Do you support the consolidation of the  
16 (insert names of common school districts) and the subsequent unification  
17 of the consolidated districts with the (insert name of union high school  
18 district) to form one unified school district under the consolidation and  
19 unification plan? Yes ( ) No ( )."

20 F. The county school superintendent shall hold the election during  
21 the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year consolidation is proposed to be  
22 effective on a date prescribed by section 16-204. The election shall be  
23 held in the manner and electors shall possess qualifications as prescribed  
24 for the election of governing board members. The results of the election  
25 shall be reported to the county school superintendent.

26 G. The county school superintendent and the chairman of the board  
27 of supervisors, on the seventh day after the election, shall canvass the  
28 vote. If a majority of the votes cast in each district approved the  
29 consolidation, the districts are consolidated and become one district from  
30 and after June 30 next following the election. If parts of two or more  
31 school districts are proposed to be consolidated, a majority of the voters  
32 in the part of a school district or districts not affected by the proposed  
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42 the consolidation or ten percent of the qualified electors residing in the  
43 school district, or that part of the school district proposed for  
44 consolidation, petitions the county school superintendent to call an  
45 election to approve the proposed consolidation.

1           2. At an election called by the county school superintendent of  
2 each of the counties affected, a majority of the persons voting in the  
3 school district, or that part of the school district providing financing,  
4 approve the proposed consolidation and a majority of the persons voting in  
5 the district providing instruction approve the proposed consolidation.

6           I. Elections held as provided in subsection H of this section shall  
7 be conducted in the same manner as elections prescribed in subsections C  
8 through G of this section and shall be held concurrently as prescribed in  
9 section 15-458.

10          J. If the consolidated district includes territory located in two  
11 or more counties, the county of jurisdiction is the county in which the  
12 largest number of qualified electors of the consolidated school district  
13 resides, except that if all of the existing school buildings are in one  
14 county, that county is the county of jurisdiction. The county school  
15 superintendent of the jurisdictional county shall perform all duties for  
16 and with respect to the consolidated school district as required to be  
17 performed by county school superintendents. The board of supervisors of  
18 the jurisdictional county shall perform all duties for and with respect to  
19 the consolidated school district as required to be performed by boards of  
20 supervisors, except that school district taxes to be levied on property in  
21 the portion of the consolidated school district lying in another county  
22 shall be levied by the board of supervisors of the other county or  
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28 determining the debt incurring authority of the consolidated school  
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31 that are consolidated as provided in subsection H of this section.

32          L. Consolidation pursuant to this section is not allowed if the  
33 resulting school district would have a student count for the current year  
34 of more than ten percent of the total student count of all school  
35 districts in this state.

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38 after the canvass pursuant to subsection G of this section demonstrates  
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44 existing school district.

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3 employment in the new school district. An employee who was entitled to  
4 continuing employment contract status in the previously existing school  
5 district is entitled to continuing employment contract status in the new  
6 school district.

7           3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection and  
8 pursuant to section 15-544, ~~nothing in this section shall be construed to~~  
9 ~~DOES NOT~~ restrict the ability of the governing board to implement a  
10 reduction in force or to scale back salaries of certified teachers,  
11 administrators or noncertificated employees for reasons of economy or to  
12 improve the efficient conduct of schools within the district following a  
13 school district consolidation.

14           N. If all of the districts to be consolidated have authorization  
15 for an override as provided in section 15-481 that would have continued  
16 after the consolidation, the override authorization continues for the new  
17 district and expires at the time that the earliest override would have  
18 expired.

19           O. If one or more, but not all, of the districts to be consolidated  
20 have authorization for an override as provided in section 15-481 that  
21 would have continued after the consolidation, the override authorization  
22 shall only apply to the schools included under the terms of the prior  
23 override authorization. Consolidation of school districts does not  
24 consolidate or pool the liability to be taxed for the override, and only  
25 property that was located within the boundaries of the district that  
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27 support the override. This subsection also applies if all of the  
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29 authorizations are pursuant to different subsections of section 15-481 or  
30 the override amounts are not the same percentage of the revenue control  
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33 districts does not consolidate or pool the liability of the former school  
34 districts into the resulting school district. Outstanding indebtedness  
35 incurred by a school district before consolidation shall be repaid without  
36 interruption according to existing debt schedules as determined by the  
37 county board of supervisors. If a school district consolidates after  
38 July 1, 2004, the new school district may pay tuition to the district of  
39 attendance when a pupil is precluded by distance or lack of transportation  
40 from attending school in the district of a pupil's residence.

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42 authorized to budget for expenses of complying with or continuing to  
43 implement activities that were required or permitted by court order of  
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45 department of education office for civil rights directed toward

1 remediating alleged or proven racial discrimination pursuant to section  
2 15-910, this authorization does not expire on the effective date of  
3 consolidation but only applies to schools included in the court order or  
4 administrative agreement.

5 R. If the formation of a new consolidated and unified school  
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10 except that the power of the governing board members of the previously  
11 existing school districts acting as the governing board of the unified  
12 school district is limited to the maintenance and operation of the  
13 previously existing school districts and compliance with the consolidation  
14 and unification plan.

15 S. IF A COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS PART OF A UNION HIGH SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT MADE UP OF TWO OR FEWER COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS CONSOLIDATES WITH  
17 THAT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FORM A UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS  
18 PRESCRIBED BY LAW, ANY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE  
19 CONSOLIDATION SHALL BECOME A COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT WITHIN A  
20 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 15-951. THE UNIFIED SCHOOL  
21 DISTRICT SHALL ADMIT HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS WHO RESIDE IN A COMMON SCHOOL  
22 DISTRICT THAT WAS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FORMER UNION HIGH  
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PAY TUITION FOR HIGH  
24 SCHOOL PUPILS AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 15-824 AND SUBJECT TO SECTION 15-448,  
25 SUBSECTION J.

26 Sec. 3. Effective date

27 Section 15-459, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2018,  
28 chapter 335, section 2 and section 2 of this act, is effective from and  
29 after December 31, 2022.