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universities; water rights adjudication

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CHAPTER 152
HOUSE BILL 2231

AN ACT

REPEALING SECTION 15-1647, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 15-1647; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Repeal
3 Section 15-1647, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.
4 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 13, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
5 is amended by adding a new section 15-1647, to read:
6 15-1647. Water rights adjudication; cooperative extension;
7 establishment; assistance; annual report
8 A. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY COURT RULE, A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE
9 JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS MAY OFFER PRO BONO ASSISTANCE
10 TO CLAIMANTS WHO ARE SMALL LANDOWNERS IN THE GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION
11 OF WATER RIGHTS FILED PURSUANT TO TITLE 45, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 9 AND WHO
12 ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL. A UNIVERSITY THAT OFFERS ASSISTANCE
13 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION MAY REPRESENT A CLAIMANT IN THE ADJUDICATION
14 UNTIL THAT CLAIMANT PROCEEDS TO AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING OR TO SOME OTHER
15 CONTESTED PROCEEDING THAT IS SIMILAR TO A TRIAL. IF THE CLAIMANT HAS NOT
16 SETTLED THE CLAIM, THE UNIVERSITY MAY NOT REPRESENT THAT CLAIMANT AT AN
17 EVIDENTIARY OR SIMILARLY CONTESTED HEARING.
18 B. ANY UNIVERSITY THAT OFFERS ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A
19 OF THIS SECTION SHALL COOPERATE AND COORDINATE WITH THE FACULTY OF A
20 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN THIS STATE THAT HAS A PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE
21 ECONOMIC VITALITY OF RURAL COMMUNITIES AND THE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN
22 THOSE RURAL COMMUNITIES.
23 C. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, A UNIVERSITY THAT OFFERS
24 ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN
25 REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
26 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
27 AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
28 Sec. 3. Emergency
29 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
30 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
31 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 18, 2022.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 18, 2022.