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alternative organization; community college districts

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CHAPTER 424
HOUSE BILL 2830

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1402.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-1402.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 15-1402.01. Alternative organization for community college
5 districts

6 A. A county that does not meet the requirements prescribed in
7 section 15-1402 may organize a community college district under this
8 chapter if all of the following requirements ~~have been~~ ARE met:

9 1. A provisional community college district that began operations
10 before January 1, 2015 has been in operation in that county for at least
11 five years immediately before the formation of the proposed community
12 college district pursuant to this section.

13 2. The most recent number of full-time equivalent student
14 enrollment calculated pursuant to section 15-1466.01 for the provisional
15 community college district is at least ~~nine~~ FOUR hundred FIFTY.

16 3. The proposed community college district is actively seeking
17 accreditation from a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United
18 States department of education or by the council on postsecondary
19 accreditation.

20 4. A member of the public requests, or the governing board
21 schedules, public meetings to discuss and hear testimony on ~~the conversion~~
22 ~~of~~ CONVERTING the provisional community college district to an independent
23 community college district.

24 5. At the next regularly scheduled meeting after the meeting
25 prescribed in paragraph 4 of this subsection, the governing board of the
26 provisional community college district adopts a resolution to form a
27 community college district pursuant to this section.

28 6. Notwithstanding section 42-17056, after the governing board of
29 the provisional community college district adopts a resolution pursuant to
30 paragraph 5 of this subsection, the governing board may call an election
31 on a general election date of the board's choice to seek voter approval to
32 increase the primary property tax levy for the provisional community
33 college district. If a majority of the qualified electors voting:

34 (a) Approve the proposed levy amount, the levy applicable for the
35 district for the next tax year shall not exceed the approved amount and
36 the governing board shall not seek voter approval to increase the primary
37 property tax levy in any subsequent year.

38 (b) Disapprove the proposed levy amount, the district shall levy a
39 primary property tax based on the previously authorized levy.

40 7. The provisional community college district has maintained a
41 regional accreditation and oversight relationship with another community
42 college district until the conversion of the provisional community college
43 district to an independent community college district.

1 B. A community college district established pursuant to this
2 section shall maintain a regional accreditation and oversight relationship
3 with another community college district until the district ~~has achieved~~
4 **ACHIEVES** initial candidacy status from a regional accrediting agency
5 recognized by the United States department of education or by the council
6 on postsecondary accreditation.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JULY 9, 2021.

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