

REFERENCE TITLE: **minimum law enforcement expenditure amount**

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## **HCR 2028**

Introduced by

Representatives Blackman: Barton, Bolick, Burges, Carroll, Carter,  
Chaplik, Cobb, Cook, Diaz, Dunn, Fillmore, Grantham, Griffin, Kaiser,  
Kavanagh, Martinez, Nguyen, Parker, Payne, Toma, Weninger, Wilmeth,  
Senators Leach, Mesnard

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IX, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, BY ADDING SECTION 26; RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENDITURES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
2 the Senate concurring:

3 1. Article IX, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended  
4 by adding section 26 as follows if approved by the voters and on  
5 proclamation of the Governor:

6 26. Minimum law enforcement expenditure amount

7 SECTION 26. A. THE ECONOMIC ESTIMATES COMMISSION SHALL  
8 DETERMINE AND PUBLISH BEFORE APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR THE MINIMUM  
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENDITURE AMOUNT FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL  
10 YEAR FOR EACH COUNTY, CITY AND TOWN. THE MINIMUM LAW  
11 ENFORCEMENT EXPENDITURE AMOUNT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY  
12 ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES  
13 SPENDING FOR EACH COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN FOR FISCAL YEAR  
14 2019-2020 TO REFLECT THE CHANGES IN THE POPULATION OF THE  
15 COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN AND THE COST OF PROVIDING LOCAL LAW  
16 ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

17 B. THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN MAY  
18 NOT AUTHORIZE TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENDITURES THAT ARE LESS  
19 THAN THE MINIMUM LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENDITURE AMOUNT FOR THE  
20 COUNTY, CITY OR TOWN AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, EXCEPT AS  
21 PROVIDED BY LAW.

22 C. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE  
23 ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING A UNIFORM REPORTING  
24 SYSTEM AND SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH  
25 THIS SECTION.

26 Sec. 2. Intent

27 The intent of this act is to ensure that this state  
28 continues to enjoy the levels of safety and protection by  
29 requiring each county, city and town in this state to  
30 guarantee a basic level of law enforcement funding into the  
31 future. The legislature shall provide by law for a uniform  
32 reporting system for counties, cities and towns to ensure  
33 compliance with this act.

34 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the  
35 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,  
36 Constitution of Arizona.