



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HB 2787: Maricopa county; division; new counties

Sponsor: Representative Hoffman, LD 12

Committee on Government & Elections

Overview

Modifies the boundaries of Maricopa County and creates three new counties.

History

Current statute divides the state of Arizona into 15 counties and prescribes the boundaries and county seat of each county. Counties are permitted to be formed or divided by legislative enactment, statewide initiative or by county initiative ([A.R.S. Title 11, Chapter 1](#)).

Provisions

1. Revises the boundaries of Maricopa County and authorizes the creation of three new counties, Hohokam, Mogollon and O'odham, and prescribes their borders. (Sec. 1, 2)
2. Stipulates that Maricopa County will continue full jurisdictional operation for Maricopa, Hohokam, Mogollon and O'odham counties until the election of the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties. (Sec. 3)
3. Directs the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties to be elected at a special election within 120 days of January 1, 2023 and specifies that the supervisors will serve staggered, abbreviated terms until the next presidential election. (Sec. 3)
4. Maintains that currently elected Maricopa County supervisors will continue in their elected capacity for the remainder of their term in the new county, if applicable. (Sec. 3)
5. Asserts that control of existing special districts is assumed by the county where the special district is located and counties must enter into an intergovernmental agreement regarding control of the special district within one year of the board of supervisors election if the special district is located in more than one county. (Sec. 3)
6. Instructs the elected boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Mogollon and O'odham counties to determine an application process for municipalities to apply to be the county seat which must be determined at a special election not more than 120 days after the election of the boards of supervisors. (Sec. 3)
7. Authorizes Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties to enter into a 10-year shared use agreement for the use of existing shared capital assets and directs the counties to divide fixtures, furniture and equipment on a pro-rata basis based on the items located in each county. (Sec. 3)
8. Directs the Legislative Council staff to prepare proposed conforming legislation for consideration in the Fifty-sixth Legislature, First Regular Session. (Sec. 4)
9. Contains an effective date of January 1, 2023. (Sec. 5)

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