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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-1821, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 41-1821, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 41-1821. Arizona peace officer standards and training board;
5 membership; appointment; term; vacancies;
6 meetings; compensation; acceptance of grants

7 A. The Arizona peace officer standards and training board is
8 established and consists of ~~thirteen~~ FIFTEEN members appointed by the
9 governor. The membership shall include:

10 1. Two sheriffs, one of whom is appointed from a county having a
11 population of two hundred thousand or more persons and the remaining
12 sheriff who is appointed from a county having a population of less than
13 two hundred thousand persons.

14 2. ~~Two~~ THREE chiefs of police, one of whom is appointed from a city
15 ~~or federally recognized native American tribe~~ having a population of sixty
16 thousand or more persons, ~~ONE OF WHOM IS APPOINTED FROM A FEDERALLY~~
17 ~~RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE~~ and the remaining chief who is appointed
18 from a city ~~or federally recognized native American tribe~~ having a
19 population of less than sixty thousand persons.

20 3. A college faculty member in public administration or a related
21 field.

22 4. The attorney general.

23 5. The director of the department of public safety.

24 6. The director of the state department of corrections.

25 7. One member who is employed in administering county or municipal
26 correctional facilities.

27 8. Two certified law enforcement officers who have knowledge of and
28 experience in representing peace officers in disciplinary cases. One of
29 the certified law enforcement officers must have a rank of officer and the
30 other must have a rank of deputy. One of the appointed officers must be
31 from a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand
32 persons.

33 9. ONE CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
34 OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE.

35 ~~9.~~ 10. Two public members.

36 B. Before appointment by the governor, a prospective member of the
37 board shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the governor for the
38 purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check pursuant
39 to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The department of public safety
40 may exchange this fingerprint data with the federal bureau of
41 investigation.

42 C. The governor shall appoint a chairman from among the members at
43 its first meeting and every year thereafter, except that an ex officio
44 member shall not be appointed chairman. The governor shall not appoint
45 more than one member from the same law enforcement agency. No board

1 member who was qualified when appointed becomes disqualified unless the
2 member ceases to hold the office that qualified the member for
3 appointment.

4 D. Meetings shall be held at least quarterly or on the call of the
5 chairman or by the written request of five members of the board or by the
6 governor. A vacancy on the board shall occur when a member except an ex
7 officio member is absent without the permission of the chairman from three
8 consecutive meetings. The governor may remove a member except an ex
9 officio member for cause.

10 E. The term of each regular member is three years unless a member
11 vacates the public office that qualified the member for this appointment.

12 F. The board members are not eligible to receive per diem but are
13 eligible to receive reimbursement for travel expenses pursuant to title
14 38, chapter 4, article 2.

15 G. On behalf of the board, the executive director may seek and
16 accept contributions, grants, gifts, donations, services or other
17 financial assistance from any individual, association, corporation or
18 other organization having an interest in police training, and from the
19 United States of America and any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
20 corporate or otherwise. Only the executive director of the board may seek
21 monies pursuant to this subsection. Such monies shall be deposited in the
22 fund created by section 41-1825.

23 H. Membership on the board shall not constitute the holding of an
24 office, and members of the board shall not be required to take and file
25 oaths of office before serving on the board. No member of the board shall
26 be disqualified from holding any public office or employment nor shall
27 such member forfeit any such office or employment by reason of such
28 member's appointment, notwithstanding the provisions of any general,
29 special or local law, ordinance or city charter.