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geographic; historic board; name change

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# SENATE BILL 1279

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-835.03, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HISTORIC NAMES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 41-835.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 to read:

4 41-835.03. Powers and duties

5 A. The board shall:

6 1. Receive and evaluate all proposals for changes in or additions  
7 to names of geographic features and places of historical significance in  
8 this state and after this evaluation designate the most appropriate and  
9 acceptable names and spelling of these names for use in maps and other  
10 official governmental documents.

11 2. Receive and evaluate all proposals for naming geographic  
12 features in this state for which no generally accepted name is or has been  
13 in use and after this evaluation designate a name for use in maps and  
14 other official governmental documents.

15 3. Cooperate with political subdivisions of this state to eliminate  
16 the duplication of the names of geographic features that are not of  
17 historical significance.

18 4. Assist and cooperate with the United States board of geographic  
19 names in matters relating to names of geographic features and places in  
20 this state.

21 5. Maintain a list of advisers who have expertise in this state's  
22 history, geography or culture and consult with those advisers in  
23 evaluating proposals.

24 6. Designate one or more members to act as the state representative  
25 to the western states geographic names council.

26 7. Receive and evaluate all proposals to establish or designate a  
27 highway or area as a parkway, historic road or scenic road that is of  
28 geographic or historical significance in this state and after this  
29 evaluation designate the most appropriate and acceptable names and  
30 spelling of these names for use in maps and other official governmental  
31 documents. If the parkway, historic road or scenic road to be established  
32 or designated is not a state highway or route, the establishment or  
33 designation is not effective unless the state board on geographic and  
34 historic names or governmental body having jurisdiction over the parkway,  
35 historic road or scenic road agrees to the establishment or designation.  
36 The state board on geographic and historic names shall notify the director  
37 of the department of transportation and the state transportation board  
38 when a parkway, historic road or scenic road is given a historic  
39 designation pursuant to this section.

40 B. The board may:

41 1. Adopt rules for the orderly conduct of business.

42 2. Initiate proposals for changes in or additions to geographic or  
43 historic names in this state. Any proposal initiated by the board shall  
44 be evaluated in accordance with the procedures prescribed under section  
45 41-835.04.

- 1 C. Notwithstanding any other law, the board may not:  
2 1. Change street and road names for the purpose of uniformity.  
3 2. Designate a name for a geographic feature that commemorates any  
4 person until that person has been deceased at least five years.  
5 3. DESIGNATE A NAME FOR A GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE, PLACE OF HISTORICAL  
6 SIGNIFICANCE, HIGHWAY, PARKWAY, HISTORIC ROAD OR SCENIC ROAD THAT INCLUDES  
7 THE TERM SQUAW.

8 Sec. 2. State board on geographic and historic names;  
9 geographic features; identification; name change

10 Notwithstanding any other law, the state board on geographic and  
11 historic names shall identify the geographic features, places of  
12 historical significance, highway, parkway, historic road or scenic road  
13 that include the term squaw and shall cooperate with any persons, groups  
14 or agencies to propose a name change pursuant to section 41-835.03,  
15 Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, that is culturally  
16 appropriate.