

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND WATER

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2060

(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Page 3, line 12, after the period strike remainder of line

2 Strike lines 13 and 14, insert:

3 "Sec. 3. Willcox groundwater basin: designation as subsequent
4 irrigation non-expansion area: election

5 A. The Cochise county recorder and Graham county recorder shall
6 include a question on the 2024 general election ballot for all eligible
7 voters who reside and who receive their drinking water from within the
8 Willcox groundwater basin regarding whether to designate the Willcox
9 groundwater basin as an irrigation non-expansion area.

10 B. On the effective date of this act, the director of the department
11 of water resources shall transmit to the Cochise county recorder and Graham
12 county recorder a map of the Willcox groundwater basin. The map shall be
13 on a scale adequate to show with substantial accuracy where the boundaries
14 of the Willcox groundwater basin or subbasin cross the boundaries of county
15 voting precincts.

16 C. The director shall also transmit to the Cochise county recorder
17 and Graham county recorder all other factual data concerning the boundaries
18 of the Willcox groundwater basin that may aid the county recorder in
19 determining which registered voters of the county are residents of the
20 Willcox groundwater basin and are eligible voters, including a map of the
21 residences that receive drinking water from the Willcox groundwater basin.

22 D. On receipt of the maps, the Cochise county recorder and Graham
23 county recorder shall include on the 2024 general election ballot the
24 following question for all eligible voters in the groundwater basin who
25 receive their drinking water from the basin "Shall the Willcox groundwater
26 basin be designated as an irrigation non-expansion area?" and appropriate

1 boxes for the voter to check "yes" or "no". Only registered voters who
2 reside within the Willcox groundwater basin and who receive their drinking
3 water from the Willcox groundwater basin shall vote on the question.

4 E. After the general election results are certified, the director of
5 the department of water resources shall make and file an order designating
6 the Willcox groundwater basin as either:

7 1. The Willcox irrigation non-expansion area, if fifty percent or
8 more of the eligible voters voted "yes". The director shall file a true
9 copy of the map of the Willcox irrigation non-expansion area in the office
10 of the Cochise county recorder, Graham county recorder and the central and
11 local offices of the department of water resources and shall provide a copy
12 of the order and map to the chairpersons of the senate and house of
13 representatives natural resources, energy and water committees, or their
14 successor committees.

15 2. Outside the boundaries of any irrigation non-expansion area or
16 active management area, if fewer than fifty percent of the eligible voters
17 voted "yes". The director shall file a true copy of the map of the Willcox
18 groundwater basin in the office of the Cochise county recorder, the Graham
19 county recorder and the central and local offices of the department of
20 water resources and shall provide a copy of the order and map to the
21 chairpersons of the senate and house of representatives natural resources,
22 energy and water committees, or their successor committees.

23 Sec. 4. Emergency

24 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
25 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
26 law."

27 Amend title to conform

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