

REFERENCE TITLE: Arizona-Ireland trade commission

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Introduced by
Senators Carroll: Gowan, Kavanagh, Shamp; Representative Carbone

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1527; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 10, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1527, to read:

4 41-1527. Arizona-Ireland trade commission; membership;
5 duties; annual report

6 A. THE ARIZONA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION IS ESTABLISHED IN THE
7 AUTHORITY. THE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF:

8 1. TWO MEMBERS WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF OR ANY INVOLVEMENT IN
9 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROMOTE IRISH AFFAIRS OR WHO HAVE INTEREST IN THE
10 WELL-BEING OF TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THIS STATE AND IRELAND. THE
11 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT THESE MEMBERS.

12 2. TWO MEMBERS WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF OR ANY INVOLVEMENT IN
13 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROMOTE IRISH AFFAIRS OR WHO HAVE INTEREST IN THE
14 WELL-BEING OF TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THIS STATE AND IRELAND. THE SPEAKER
15 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT THESE MEMBERS.

16 3. FIVE MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING:

17 (a) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION.

19 (b) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S
20 DESIGNEE.

21 (c) AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE FROM DIFFERENT
22 POLITICAL PARTIES AND WHO REPRESENT IRISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES OR
23 INTERESTS IN THIS STATE.

24 B. ALL APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2024,
25 AND SHALL BE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. ALL VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED IN
26 THE SAME MANNER AS THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT. APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE
27 COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SECTION
28 38-611 FOR EACH DAY ACTUALLY SPENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES
29 AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES PURSUANT TO TITLE 38,
30 CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2.

31 C. THE COMMISSION MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, MONIES FROM
32 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, BEQUESTS AND OTHER FORMS OF VOLUNTARY
33 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION.

34 D. THE COMMISSION SHALL:

35 1. ANNUALLY ELECT A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG ITS
36 MEMBERS.

37 2. MEET AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON.

38 3. ADVANCE BILATERAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN THIS STATE AND
39 IRELAND.

40 4. INITIATE JOINT ACTION ON POLICY ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST
41 BETWEEN THIS STATE AND IRELAND.

42 5. PROMOTE BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN THIS STATE AND
43 IRELAND.

1 6. ENCOURAGE MUTUAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT BETWEEN THIS STATE AND
2 IRELAND.

3 7. ENCOURAGE MUTUAL INVESTMENT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THIS STATE
4 AND IRELAND.

5 8. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SUBMIT
6 AN ANNUAL REPORT CONTAINING THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS, RESULTS AND
7 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE
8 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT
9 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.