

House Engrossed Senate Bill

~~public pensions; proxy voting~~
(now: first responders; state death benefit)

State of Arizona
Senate
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CHAPTER 64

SENATE BILL 1503

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 38-1171, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CIVILIAN
REVIEW BOARDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1,
3 section 1, Constitution of Arizona, section 38-1171, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is amended to read:
5 38-1171. Definitions
6 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:
7 1. "First responder":
8 (a) Has the same meaning prescribed in section 13-1204.
9 (b) Includes ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
10 (i) A member of the Arizona national guard who is on state active
11 duty in this state and a correctional officer who is employed by the state
12 department of corrections.
13 (ii) A PILOT WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.
14 2. "Killed in the line of duty" means killed as the result of
15 another person's criminal act while in the performance of the first
16 responder's official duties.
17 Sec. 2. Retroactivity
18 This act applies retroactively to from and after December 31, 2025.
19 Sec. 3. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote
20 Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona,
21 section 38-1171, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, is
22 effective only on the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the
23 members of each house of the legislature.
24 Sec. 4. Emergency
25 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
26 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
27 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 15, 2026.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 15, 2026.