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HB 2578: memorial; Don Bolles

Sponsor: Representative Bliss, LD 1
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Overview

Dedicates a memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza to Don Bolles.

History

[Don Bolles](#) was an investigative journalist for The Arizona Republic throughout the early 1970s. Bolles, an Arizona Press Club award-winner, discovered information pertaining to organized crime and fraud in Arizona. During an investigation in 1976, Don Bolles was fatally injured by an explosion.

Procedures for establishing a memorial, after legislative authorization, include a review and approval by the Legislative Council. After taking recommendations from the Historical Advisory Commission, the Legislative Council must approve of the design, dimensions, location, maintenance, minimum cost of any deposit into the state monument and memorial repair fund and any inscription for the memorial with a correlating contract of conditions. An approved memorial must be constructed within two years of the authorized legislation ([A.R.S. § 41-1363](#)).

Provisions

1. Authorizes a memorial, provided by the Legislative Council, in the Wesley Bolin Plaza dedicated to Don Bolles. (Sec.1)
2. Specifies that procedures currently in statute apply to the placement of the monument. (Sec.1)
3. Prohibits public monies from being used for the cost of the monument and prohibits the state from facilitating fund-raising or establishing a state fund for deposit of the monies. (Sec.1)
4. Mandates that all fund-raising and contracts for artistic design and construction are the sole responsibility of the proponents. (Sec.1)
5. Repeals this legislation on September 30, 2028. (Sec.1)
6. Contains a legislative findings clause. (Sec. 2)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)

☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)

☐ Emergency (40 votes)

☐ Fiscal Note