

REFERENCE TITLE: Arizona space commission; strategic plan

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HB 2687

Introduced by
Representative Wilmeth

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-1551.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA SPACE COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 41-1551.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 41-1551.01. Arizona space commission; board of directors;
5 membership; powers and duties; annual plan

6 A. The Arizona space commission is established. The commission is
7 governed by a board of directors consisting of seven members who are
8 appointed by the governor, three members who are appointed by the
9 president of the senate and three members who are appointed by the speaker
10 of the house of representatives.

11 B. When making the appointments to the board pursuant to subsection
12 A of this section, priority shall be given to all of the following:

13 1. Individuals with experience in any of the following:

- 14 (a) Commercial aerospace.
- 15 (b) Civil aviation.
- 16 (c) Military aerospace.
- 17 (d) Space economic development.
- 18 (e) Space-related academic research.
- 19 (f) Nonprofit space economy support.
- 20 (g) Real estate.
- 21 (h) Finance.

22 2. Individuals with a master's degree or above in any of the
23 following disciplines:

- 24 (a) Space science.
- 25 (b) Space engineering.
- 26 (c) Space technology.
- 27 (d) Space business.
- 28 (e) Space leadership.
- 29 (f) Space policy.
- 30 (g) Space law.
- 31 (h) Space operations.

32 3. Individuals from an early stage start-up company that focuses on
33 the development and commercialization of new technologies related to
34 space.

35 4. Individuals with experience working in industries that are based
36 in this state and that are part of the space value chain or that are in
37 downstream industries with a significant presence in this state.

38 C. The initial members shall assign themselves by lot to terms of
39 two, four and six years in office. All subsequent members of the board
40 shall serve six-year terms in office. All vacancies shall be filled in
41 the same manner as the initial appointment within thirty days after the
42 vacancy.

43 D. The board shall:

- 44 1. Elect a chairperson from among the members of the board.

1 2. Direct the activities of, establish goals for and provide
2 oversight of the commission.

3 3. Establish standards to ensure the proper use of fund monies.

4 4. Identify research and funding opportunities within this state
5 that do the following:

6 (a) Strengthen and enhance this state's position in civil,
7 commercial and military aeronautics research and development and space
8 flight infrastructure.

9 (b) Enhance the integration of the space aeronautics, astronautics
10 and aviation industries in this state.

11 (c) Promote and research materials derived from or developed
12 through space exploration and space flight.

13 5. Promote and assist developing workforce training to advance
14 emerging technologies required for all aspects of space exploration.

15 6. Solicit proposals for funding and research opportunities related
16 to the objectives of this section.

17 E. The board may:

18 1. Appoint an ad hoc advisory committee as necessary to carry out
19 the board's duties pursuant to this section.

20 2. Acquire and convey property or an interest in property in this
21 state.

22 3. Engage in planning and implementing of aerospace-related
23 educational opportunities in this state.

24 F. The authority shall provide staff support to the commission.

25 G. The commission shall develop and annually update a strategic
26 plan for promoting and expanding space, aeronautics and aviation in this
27 state, including a list of potential projects to further the purposes of
28 the commission. The commission shall include both of the following for
29 each potential project:

30 1. The estimated total cost for the project, including any
31 available matching state monies.

32 2. An assessment of the availability of external funding sources.

33 H. The board shall conduct a hearing to review and amend or approve
34 the strategic plan.

35 I. On or before December 31, ~~2024~~ 2025 and each ~~even-numbered~~
36 ~~ODD-NUMBERED~~ year thereafter, the commission shall submit the strategic
37 plan to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the
38 house of representatives.

39 Sec. 2. Retroactivity

40 Section 41-1551.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this
41 act, applies retroactively to from and after December 30, 2024.

42 Sec. 3. Emergency

43 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
44 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
45 law.