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Introduced by
Senator Angius

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 11-255, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COUNTY
PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 11-255, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 11-255. Contract for advertising and printing

5 A. The board shall contract for all advertising, publications and
6 printing required to be done or made by all departments of county
7 government.

8 B. Written notice of letting the contract shall be provided to a
9 representative of each qualified newspaper within the county, at least ten
10 days before the opening of bids, calling for written bids for the
11 advertising, publications and printing required by all county departments
12 and stating on what day the bids received will be opened. The written
13 notice required by this subsection may be provided by electronic means.

14 C. A contract shall be made with the lowest and best bidder, in the
15 discretion of the board, and to a newspaper that for at least one year has
16 been admitted to the United States mail as second-class matter, if the bid
17 is within the legal rate. During the existence of the contract, all
18 advertising, publications and printing ordered by any department of county
19 government shall be provided to the newspaper awarded the contract for
20 printing under the terms and conditions of the contract.

21 D. The newspaper that is awarded the contract pursuant to
22 subsection C of this section may be referred to as the official newspaper
23 of the county.

24 E. Notwithstanding subsection C of this section, the board of
25 supervisors, for itself and all departments of county government, may
26 advertise, publish and print in a publication other than the official
27 newspaper, if any of the following ~~apply~~ APPLIES:

28 1. The advertising, publishing or printing is in addition to that
29 required to be done in the official newspaper of the county.

30 2. The advertising, publishing or printing is authorized but not
31 required by law.

32 3. The advertising, publishing or printing is required by statute
33 to be done in a location other than that of the official newspaper of the
34 county.

35 F. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, IF THE PRINT PUBLICATION SCHEDULE
36 OF THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COUNTY DOES NOT MEET A STATUTORY TIME
37 FRAME REQUIREMENT FOR ADVERTISING, PUBLISHING OR PRINTING, THE
38 ADVERTISING, PUBLISHING OR PRINTING MAY BE MADE BY PUBLICATION ONLY IN THE
39 ELECTRONIC EDITION OF THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COUNTY.