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Senator Gowan

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE X,
SECTION 12, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO STATE TRUST LAND.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives concurring:

3 1. Article X, section 12, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to
4 be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
5 Governor:

6 12. Land exchanges; purposes; notice; hearings;
7 approval of governor

8 Section 12. A. The legislature shall provide a process
9 by law for exchanging lands granted or confirmed by the
10 enabling act for ~~public~~ OTHER lands in this state under the
11 terms and conditions prescribed by this section.

12 B. The purpose of the exchange must be either:

13 1. To assist in preserving and protecting military
14 facilities in this state from encroaching development.

15 2. To improve the management of state lands for the
16 purpose of sale or lease or conversion to public use of state
17 lands.

18 C. Before the public hearings are held pursuant to
19 subsection D, paragraph 3 of this section:

20 1. At least two independent appraisals must be made
21 available to the public ~~showing~~ that SHOW the true value of
22 any lands the state receives in the exchange equals or exceeds
23 the true value of the lands the state conveys.

24 2. At least two independent analyses of the proposed
25 exchange must be made available to the public ~~showing~~ THAT
26 SHOW:

27 (a) The income to the trust before the exchange from
28 all lands the state conveys and the projected income to the
29 trust after the exchange from all lands the state receives.

30 (b) The fiscal impact of the exchange on each county,
31 city, town and school district in which all the lands involved
32 in the exchange are located.

33 (c) The physical, economic and natural resource impacts
34 of the proposed exchange on the surrounding or directly
35 adjacent local community and the impacts on local land uses
36 and land use plans.

37 D. Land may not be exchanged unless:

38 1. The exchange is in the best interest of the state
39 land trust.

40 2. THE public notice of the proposed exchange includes
41 full disclosure of all details of the transaction, the
42 ownership of all parcels of the lands involved in the
43 exchange, including independent and ancillary parties, a legal
44 and general description of the location of all parcels of the
45 lands and the appraised value of all parcels of the lands.

1 3. THE public hearings are held at the state capital
2 and in a location of general accessibility in the vicinity of
3 the state lands being exchanged. Notice of the time and place
4 of the hearings must be given ~~beginning~~ at least six weeks
5 before each hearing ~~BEGINS AND~~ in a manner prescribed by law.
6 During this TIME period, a process shall be provided for
7 public comment on the proposed exchange.

8 4. The exchange is approved by the ~~qualified electors~~
9 GOVERNOR of this state ~~in the manner of a referendum pursuant~~
10 ~~to article IV, part 1, section 1 at the next regular general~~
11 ~~election. To be approved, the proposition must receive an~~
12 ~~affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors~~
13 ~~voting on the measure.~~

14 E. Land exchanges are not considered to be sales for
15 the purposes of this article.

16 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
17 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
18 Constitution of Arizona.