

House Engrossed

legislative subpoena; perjury; refusal; contempt

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2745

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-1153, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE  
LEGISLATURE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 41-1153, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 41-1153. Disobedience of subpoena as legislative contempt  
5 A. If a witness neglects or refuses to obey a legislative subpoena,  
6 or, appearing, neglects or refuses to testify, ~~the senate or the house~~  
7 ~~may, by resolution entered in the journal, commit him~~ UNLESS ANOTHER  
8 PROCEDURE IS PROVIDED BY THE RULES OF EITHER HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE  
9 WITNESS MAY BE COMMITTED for contempt BY EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:  
10 1. AFTER THE WITNESS IS GIVEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A  
11 HEARING TO PRESENT EVIDENCE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, TO SHOW  
12 CAUSE AS TO WHY THE WITNESS IS NOT IN CONTEMPT, AN ORDER OF CONTEMPT BY  
13 ANY COMMITTEE OR THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES THAT FINDS THAT THE WITNESS HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBPOENA,  
15 HAD THE ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBPOENA AND FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE  
16 SUBPOENA.  
17 2. A RESOLUTION ENTERED IN THE JOURNAL BY THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE  
18 OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
19 B. A witness ~~neglecting~~ WHO NEGLECTS or ~~refusing~~ REFUSES to attend  
20 in obedience to a subpoena may be arrested by the sergeant-at-arms and  
21 brought before the senate or house ~~upon~~ OF REPRESENTATIVES ON authority of  
22 EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:  
23 1. A copy of the ORDER OF CONTEMPT THAT IS SIGNED BY THE  
24 CHAIRPERSON OR THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT IS COUNTERSIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE  
26 OR CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
27 2. A COPY OF THE resolution THAT IS signed by the president OF THE  
28 SENATE or speaker OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and THAT IS  
29 countersigned by the secretary OF THE SENATE or chief clerk OF THE HOUSE  
30 OF REPRESENTATIVES.