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Introduced by
Senator Hoffman

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 11-109, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-118, 11-119 AND 11-120; RELATING TO LOCATION OF COUNTIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

Section 1. Section 11-109, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

11-109. Maricopa county

Maricopa county, the county seat of which is Phoenix, is bounded as follows:

~~Commencing at a point where the meridian line one hundred thirteen degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey of 1918, intersects the second standard parallel south, being the northwest corner of Pima county; thence north on such survey line and along the east boundaries of Yuma and La Paz counties to the point where the meridian line one hundred thirteen degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as surveyed, intersects the thirty-fourth parallel north latitude, as defined by the Thompson survey of 1924; thence east on the thirty-fourth parallel north latitude, as defined, and along the southern boundary of Yavapai county to the point where the Hassayampa river intersects such parallel; thence southeast in a direct line following the Thompson survey of 1924 to a point in the Agua Fria river two miles southerly and below the mouth of Humbug creek; thence northerly up the Agua Fria river to a point two miles southerly and below the place where the residence of J. W. Swilling stood on January 31, 1877; thence easterly in a direct line following the Thompson survey of 1924 to the point where the thirty-fourth parallel north latitude, as defined by such survey, intersects the Verde river; thence east on such parallel to the point where the parallel as surveyed intersects the summit of the Mazatzal range of mountains; thence southerly along the summit of the Mazatzal range of mountains to the point where such range of mountains intersects the centerline of the Salt river; thence easterly up the Salt river to the mouth of Tonto creek; thence southerly in a direct line toward a mountain known as the "Water Shed," and along the western boundary of Gila county to the point where such line and boundary intersects the north line of township one north; thence west on the north line of township one north and along the northern boundary of Pinal county to the point where such line intersects the eastern line of range seven east; thence south on the eastern line of range seven east to the point where such line intersects the southern line of township two south; thence west on such line to the point where such line intersects the Gila river; thence northerly and westerly down the Gila river to the point where the river intersects the eastern line of range one east, being the northwest corner of Pinal county; thence south on such line to the point where such line intersects the second standard parallel south, being the southwest corner of Pinal county; thence west on such parallel to the point where it intersects the meridian line one hundred thirteen degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey of 1918, being the place of beginning.~~ COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE AT 75TH AVENUE AND PINNACLE PEAK ROAD, THENCE EAST

1 ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE
 2 BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE TO THE POINT WHERE THE BOUNDARY
 3 INTERSECTS THUNDERBIRD ROAD; THENCE EAST ALONG THUNDERBIRD ROAD TO THE
 4 POINT WHERE THUNDERBIRD ROAD INTERSECTS CAVE CREEK ROAD; THENCE EAST
 5 FOLLOWING ALONG CACTUS ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE CACTUS ROAD INTERSECTS
 6 TATUM BOULEVARD; THENCE SOUTH ALONG TATUM BOULEVARD TO THE NORTHWEST
 7 BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY; THENCE SOUTH FOLLOWING THE
 8 BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX TO THE POINT WHERE THE BOUNDARY OF THE
 9 CITY OF PHOENIX INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TEMPE ON MCDOWELL
 10 ROAD, THENCE SOUTH AND THENCE EAST FOLLOWING THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF
 11 TEMPE CONTINUING TO THE POINT WHERE THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TEMPE
 12 INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE
 13 WESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERN
 14 BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE SOUTH TO WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE
 15 MERIDIAN LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE;
 16 THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PINAL COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE
 17 SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE EASTERN LINE OF RANGE SEVEN EAST; THENCE SOUTH ON
 18 THE EASTERN LINE OF RANGE SEVEN EAST TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE
 19 INTERSECTS THE SOUTHERN LINE OF TOWNSHIP TWO SOUTH; THENCE WEST ON SUCH
 20 LINE TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE GILA RIVER; THENCE
 21 NORTHERLY AND WESTERLY DOWN THE GILA RIVER TO THE POINT WHERE THE RIVER
 22 INTERSECTS THE EASTERN LINE OF RANGE ONE EAST, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER
 23 OF PINAL COUNTY; THENCE SOUTH TO THE THIRTY-THIRD PARALLEL FOLLOWING A
 24 DIRECT LINE ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN
 25 RESERVATION; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF
 26 GOODYEAR; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE
 27 TO WHERE INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE FOLLOWING
 28 THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE TO THE NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE
 29 CITY OF GLENDALE, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

30 Sec. 2. Title 11, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
 31 is amended by adding sections 11-118, 11-119 and 11-120, to read:

32 11-118. Hohokam county

33 HOHOKAM COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

34 SOUTH ON THE NORTHWESTERN POINT WHERE GILA COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE
 35 SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE SECOND STANDARD PARALLEL SOUTH, BEING THE
 36 SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PINAL COUNTY; THENCE WEST ON SUCH PARALLEL TO THE
 37 POINT WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE MERIDIAN LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES
 38 TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE TO THE WESTERN BORDER OF SUN LAKES AT PRICE
 39 ROAD; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER;
 40 THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE
 41 NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE EAST ALONG
 42 THE NORTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE BORDER
 43 OF THE CITY OF MESA CONTINUING TO THE NORTHWESTERN POINT WHERE GILA COUNTY
 44 INTERSECTS, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

11-119. Mogollon county

MOGOLLON COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE AGUA FRIA RIVER TWO MILES SOUTHERLY AND BELOW THE MOUTH OF HUMBUGH CREEK; THENCE NORTHERLY UP THE AGUA FRIA RIVER TO A POINT TWO MILES SOUTHERLY AND BELOW THE PLACE WHERE THE RESIDENCE OF J. W. SWILLING STOOD ON JANUARY 31, 1877; THENCE EASTERLY IN A DIRECT LINE FOLLOWING THE THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924 TO THE POINT WHERE THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED BY SUCH SURVEY, INTERSECTS THE VERDE RIVER; THENCE EAST ON SUCH PARALLEL TO THE POINT WHERE THE PARALLEL AS SURVEYED INTERSECTS THE SUMMIT OF THE MAZATZAL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SUMMIT OF THE MAZATZAL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH RANGE OF MOUNTAINS INTERSECTS THE CENTERLINE OF THE SALT RIVER; THENCE EASTERLY UP THE SALT RIVER TO THE MOUTH OF TONTO CREEK; THENCE SOUTHERLY IN A DIRECT LINE TOWARD A MOUNTAIN KNOWN AS THE "WATER SHED" AND ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF GILA COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE AND BOUNDARY INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF TOWNSHIP ONE NORTH; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF MESA TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN RESERVATION TO THE BORDER OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY CONTINUING NORTHWARD TO THE NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY AT SHEA BOULEVARD AND TATUM BOULEVARD; THENCE NORTH FOLLOWING TATUM BOULEVARD TO CACTUS ROAD; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING CACTUS ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE CACTUS ROAD INTERSECTS CAVE CREEK ROAD; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING THUNDERBIRD ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE THUNDERBIRD ROAD INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE NORTH FOLLOWING THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE NORTH FOLLOWING THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF PEORIA TO THE POINT ON THE AGUA FRIA RIVER, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

11-120. O'odham county

O'ODHAM COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE MERIDIAN LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE, AS DEFINED BY THE ATWOOD SURVEY OF 1918, INTERSECTS THE SECOND STANDARD PARALLEL SOUTH, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PIMA COUNTY; THENCE NORTH ON SUCH SURVEY LINE AND ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARIES OF YUMA AND LA PAZ COUNTIES TO THE POINT WHERE THE MERIDIAN LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE, AS SURVEYED, INTERSECTS THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED BY THE THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924; THENCE EAST ON THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED, AND ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF YAVAPAI COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE THE HASSAYAMPA RIVER INTERSECTS SUCH PARALLEL; THENCE SOUTHEAST IN A DIRECT LINE FOLLOWING THE THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924 TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE BORDER OF THE CITY OF PEORIA BOUNDARIES; THENCE EAST FOLLOWING THE BORDER OF THE CITY OF PEORIA AND SOUTH FOLLOWING THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PEORIA AND

1 WEST ALONG NORTHERN AVENUE CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE
 2 CITY OF EL MIRAGE, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF EL
 3 MIRAGE TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF SURPRISE TO THE
 4 NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE THENCE SOUTH FOLLOWING THE
 5 EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR TO THE THIRTY-THIRD PARALLEL
 6 NORTH LATITUDE IN A DIRECT LINE TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE GILA RIVER
 7 INDIAN RESERVATION TO WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE BORDER OF PINAL COUNTY;
 8 THENCE SOUTH FOLLOWING THE BORDER OF PINAL COUNTY TO WHERE IT INTERSECTS
 9 THE BORDER OF PIMA COUNTY; THEN WEST FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BORDER OF PIMA
 10 COUNTY TO THE COMMENCEMENT POINT, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

11 Sec. 3. Maricopa county division; procedures

12 A. Maricopa county operations shall continue in their existing form
 13 through a transition period of not more than three years after the
 14 effective date of this act. On the election of the boards of supervisors
 15 in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties, the existing Maricopa
 16 county operations shall continue under the supervision of the intercounty
 17 oversight and accountability board for the duration of the transition
 18 period. The current Maricopa county board of supervisors shall retain
 19 authority over the operation of Maricopa county during the transition
 20 period until the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and
 21 O'odham counties are sworn into office. The swearing in shall take place
 22 not later than June 15, 2027.

23 B. The boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and
 24 O'odham counties shall be elected at a special election within one hundred
 25 twenty days after the effective date of this act. The supervisors shall
 26 be elected to staggered, abbreviated terms to serve until the next
 27 presidential election. Supervisors shall be elected at large for their
 28 initial terms and shall be elected by supervisorial district at subsequent
 29 elections. The board of supervisors shall approve supervisorial districts
 30 within one hundred eighty days after being sworn in.

31 C. Currently elected Maricopa county supervisors will continue in
 32 their elected capacities for the remainder of their terms. If a currently
 33 elected Maricopa county supervisor's supervisory district is located
 34 within Hohokam, Mogollon or O'odham counties, that supervisor will
 35 continue the supervisor's currently elected term in the new county in
 36 which the supervisory district is located.

37 D. The chairperson of each county's board of supervisors shall
 38 serve on an intercounty oversight and accountability board during the
 39 three-year transition period. The intercounty oversight and
 40 accountability board shall make intercounty decisions and enter into
 41 mutually beneficial shared use or intergovernmental agreements for the
 42 continuation of services for Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham
 43 counties. The intercounty oversight and accountability board will
 44 terminate at the end of the transition period. The intercounty oversight

1 and accountability board may be continued if approved by a majority of the
2 boards of supervisors of Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties.

3 E. Control of existing special districts will be assumed by the
4 county in which the special district is located. If a special district is
5 located within more than one county, the counties shall enter into an
6 intergovernmental agreement regarding control of the special district
7 within one year after the election of the county board of supervisors.

8 F. The elected boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Mogollon and
9 O'odham counties will determine an application process for municipalities
10 to apply to be the county seat. The county seat shall be determined at a
11 special election to take place not more than one hundred twenty days after
12 the election of the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Mogollon and O'odham
13 counties.

14 G. Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties may enter into
15 a ten-year shared use agreement for the use of existing shared capital
16 assets. The counties shall divide furniture, fixtures and equipment on a
17 pro-rata basis based on the furniture, fixtures and equipment located in
18 each county.

19 H. The election of unfilled elected county seats in Hohokam,
20 Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties shall take place at the same time
21 as the election of the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa,
22 Mogollon and O'odham counties. Current elected officials shall finish
23 their current terms in the county in which they reside.

24 I. Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties shall enter
25 into an intergovernmental agreement for the continued operation of
26 community colleges for a period of not less than ten years after the
27 effective date of this act.

28 Sec. 4. Conforming legislation

29 The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed legislation
30 conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the provisions of this act for
31 consideration in the fifty-eighth legislature, first regular session.

32 Sec. 5. Effective date

33 This act is effective from and after December 31, 2026.