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# **SB 1434**

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)

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

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

4 **11-109. Maricopa county**

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

7 ~~Commencing at a point where the meridian line one hundred thirteen~~  
8 ~~degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey of~~  
9 ~~1918, intersects the second standard parallel south, being the northwest~~  
10 ~~corner of Pima county; thence north on such survey line and along the east~~  
11 ~~boundaries of Yuma and La Paz counties to the point where the meridian~~  
12 ~~line one hundred thirteen degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as~~  
13 ~~surveyed, intersects the thirty-fourth parallel north latitude, as defined~~  
14 ~~by the Thompson survey of 1924; thence east on the thirty-fourth parallel~~  
15 ~~north latitude, as defined, and along the southern boundary of Yavapai~~  
16 ~~county to the point where the Hassayampa river intersects such parallel;~~  
17 ~~thence southeast in a direct line following the Thompson survey of 1924 to~~  
18 ~~a point in the Agua Fria river two miles southerly and below the mouth of~~  
19 ~~Humbug creek; thence northerly up the Agua Fria river to a point two miles~~  
20 ~~southerly and below the place where the residence of J. W. Swilling stood~~  
21 ~~on January 31, 1877; thence easterly in a direct line following the~~  
22 ~~Thompson survey of 1924 to the point where the thirty-fourth parallel~~  
23 ~~north latitude, as defined by such survey, intersects the Verde river;~~  
24 ~~thence east on such parallel to the point where the parallel as surveyed~~  
25 ~~intersects the summit of the Mazatzal range of mountains; thence southerly~~  
26 ~~along the summit of the Mazatzal range of mountains to the point where~~  
27 ~~such range of mountains intersects the centerline of the Salt river;~~  
28 ~~thence easterly up the Salt river to the mouth of Tonto creek; thence~~  
29 ~~southerly in a direct line toward a mountain known as the "Water Shed,"~~  
30 ~~and along the western boundary of Gila county to the point where such line~~  
31 ~~and boundary intersects the north line of township one north, thence west~~  
32 ~~on the north line of township one north and along the northern boundary of~~  
33 ~~Pinal county to the point where such line intersects the eastern line of~~  
34 ~~range seven east; thence south on the eastern line of range seven east to~~  
35 ~~the point where such line intersects the southern line of township two~~  
36 ~~south; thence west on such line to the point where such line intersects~~  
37 ~~the Gila river; thence northerly and westerly down the Gila river to the~~  
38 ~~point where the river intersects the eastern line of range one east, being~~  
39 ~~the northwest corner of Pinal county; thence south on such line to the~~  
40 ~~point where such line intersects the second standard parallel south, being~~  
41 ~~the southwest corner of Pinal county; thence west on such parallel to the~~  
42 ~~point where it intersects the meridian line one hundred thirteen degrees~~  
43 ~~twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey of 1918,~~  
44 ~~being the place of beginning.~~ COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWESTERN BORDER OF  
45 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.

1       11-119. Mogollon county

2       MOGOLLON COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

3       COMMENCING AT THE AGUA FRIA RIVER TWO MILES SOUTHERLY AND BELOW THE  
4       MOUTH OF HUMBUG CREEK; THENCE NORTHERLY UP THE AGUA FRIA RIVER TO A POINT  
5       TWO MILES SOUTHERLY AND BELOW THE PLACE WHERE THE RESIDENCE OF J. W.  
6       SWILLING STOOD ON JANUARY 31, 1877; THENCE EASTERLY IN A DIRECT LINE  
7       FOLLOWING THE THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924 TO THE POINT WHERE THE THIRTY-FOURTH  
8       PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED BY SUCH SURVEY, INTERSECTS THE VERDE  
9       RIVER; THENCE EAST ON SUCH PARALLEL TO THE POINT WHERE THE PARALLEL AS  
10      SURVEYED INTERSECTS THE SUMMIT OF THE MAZATZAL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS; THENCE  
11      SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SUMMIT OF THE MAZATZAL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS TO THE POINT  
12      WHERE SUCH RANGE OF MOUNTAINS INTERSECTS THE CENTERLINE OF THE SALT RIVER;  
13      THENCE EASTERLY UP THE SALT RIVER TO THE MOUTH OF TONTO CREEK; THENCE  
14      SOUTHERLY IN A DIRECT LINE TOWARD A MOUNTAIN KNOWN AS THE "WATER SHED" AND  
15      ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF GILA COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE AND  
16      BOUNDARY INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF TOWNSHIP ONE NORTH; THENCE WEST  
17      FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF MESA TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER  
18      OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN RESERVATION TO THE BORDER OF THE  
19      CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY  
20      CONTINUING NORTHWARD TO THE NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE  
21      VALLEY AT SHEA BOULEVARD AND TATUM BOULEVARD; THENCE NORTH FOLLOWING TATUM  
22      BOULEVARD TO CACTUS ROAD; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING CACTUS ROAD TO THE POINT  
23      WHERE CACTUS ROAD INTERSECTS CAVE CREEK ROAD; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING  
24      THUNDERBIRD ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE THUNDERBIRD ROAD INTERSECTS THE  
25      BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE NORTH FOLLOWING THE EASTERN  
26      BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE NORTH FOLLOWING THE WESTERN  
27      BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BORDER  
28      OF THE CITY OF PEORIA TO THE POINT ON THE AGUA FRIA RIVER, WHICH IS THE  
29      PLACE OF BEGINNING.

30       11-120. O'odham county

31       O'ODHAM COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

32       COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE MERIDIAN LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN  
33       DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE, AS DEFINED BY THE ATWOOD SURVEY OF  
34       1918, INTERSECTS THE SECOND STANDARD PARALLEL SOUTH, BEING THE NORTHWEST  
35       CORNER OF PIMA COUNTY; THENCE NORTH ON SUCH SURVEY LINE AND ALONG THE EAST  
36       BOUNDARIES OF YUMA AND LA PAZ COUNTIES TO THE POINT WHERE THE MERIDIAN  
37       LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE, AS  
38       SURVEYED, INTERSECTS THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED  
39       BY THE THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924; THENCE EAST ON THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL  
40       NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED, AND ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF YAVAPAI  
41       COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE THE HASSAYAMPA RIVER INTERSECTS SUCH PARALLEL;  
42       THENCE SOUTHEAST IN A DIRECT LINE FOLLOWING THE THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924 TO  
43       THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE BORDER  
44       OF THE CITY OF PEORIA BOUNDARIES; THENCE EAST FOLLOWING THE BORDER OF THE  
45       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.