

REFERENCE TITLE: venue; employee conflict; superior court

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Introduced by
Representative Martinez

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 12-412; RELATING TO CHANGE OF VENUE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 12-412, to read:

4 12-412. Procedure for change of venue when a party is a court
5 or clerk employee

6 IF A PARTY TO A CIVIL ACTION PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IS AN
7 EMPLOYEE OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OR THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE
8 COUNTY WHERE THE ACTION IS PENDING, EITHER PARTY IS ENTITLED TO A CHANGE
9 OF VENUE AS A MATTER OF RIGHT. ON REQUEST OF THE PARTY APPLYING FOR THE
10 CHANGE OF VENUE, THE COURT SHALL TRANSFER THE ACTION TO THE MOST
11 CONVENIENT ADJOINING COUNTY, UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE TO SOME OTHER COUNTY
12 IN WHICH CASE THE COURT SHALL TRANSFER THE ACTION TO THE AGREED ON COUNTY.