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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 27-106 AND 27-111, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
THE ARIZONA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 27-106, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 27-106. Duties of Arizona geological survey; mining, mineral
5 and natural resources educational museum;
6 definition

7 A. Under the operation, management and authority of the university
8 of Arizona, the Arizona geological survey shall:

9 1. Map and describe the bedrock and related geologic materials and
10 processes in this state, as follows:

11 (a) Prepare geologic maps that show the distribution of rock
12 formations and surficial materials at the surface and in the subsurface.

13 (b) Describe the character of rock and surficial materials,
14 including their age, origin and physical and chemical properties.

15 (c) Map, describe and monitor known and potential geologic hazards
16 and limitations to land and resource management.

17 (d) Map and characterize energy and mineral resources and identify
18 areas that may have potential for future discoveries.

19 2. Provide objective, scientific information about the geologic
20 character of this state as follows:

21 (a) Provide timely, courteous responses to requests for
22 information, advice and assistance from the public.

23 (b) Maintain a computerized bibliographic database of maps and
24 reports on the geology of this state that is accessible to the public.

25 (c) Maintain an internet website that includes information about
26 the Arizona geological survey, products and services available and the
27 geologic character of this state.

28 (d) Give lectures and talks, conduct workshops, lead field trips
29 and provide information and assistance to public, educational and
30 professional groups.

31 (e) Publish reports and other information, written in nontechnical
32 terms, to inform those who are not trained in geology about the geologic
33 character of this state.

34 3. Prepare all data files of known areas of earth fissures, produce
35 maps of those areas with overlays showing affected counties, cities,
36 towns, highways and streets and transmit the maps in printed and
37 electronic format to the state real estate department for the purposes of
38 providing public access to the earth fissure maps pursuant to this
39 paragraph and section 32-2117. The Arizona geological survey shall
40 provide any map to any member of the public in printed or electronic
41 format on request. The following notice shall be displayed below each
42 map:

43 Notice

44 The state of Arizona has made a reasonable effort to
45 ensure the accuracy of this map when it was produced, but

errors may be present and the state of Arizona does not guarantee its accuracy. The map supplements, and is not a substitute for, a professional inspection of property for defects and conditions.

4. Operate and maintain a central repository and a computerized database for reports, books, maps and other publications regarding the geology, mining and mineral resources and associated technologies. Such repository and database shall be available for the use of the public and may be located at or connected with the university of Arizona or another state university or agency of this state. All databases and other archival materials shall be maintained in a secure and retrievable format and at a location prescribed by the state geologist to protect and preserve information from damage or destruction.

5. Utilize the services and expertise of the universities of this state at the discretion of the state geologist.

6. Cooperate with local, county, state and federal agencies.

7. Provide quality mining data, evaluation and assistance relating to mining and mineral development to the legislature, federal, state and local governmental agencies and the public.

8. Serve as a source of mining information and data necessary or advisable to attain its objectives. The Arizona board of regents may establish reasonable fees for publications and other services of the Arizona geological survey.

9. Cooperate with the corporation commission in its investigations and administration of laws relating to the sale of mining securities.

10. Keep an annually updated database relating to existing mines in this state that would allow municipalities and counties to identify areas with mineral and aggregate mines for planning purposes required under sections 9-461.05 and 11-804.

B. In coordination with the mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum advisory council established by section 27-111, the university of Arizona shall operate and maintain a mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum as the state depository for collecting, cataloging and displaying mining, mineral and natural resources artifacts and specimens. In connection with the mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum, the university of Arizona may:

1. Promote the recognition and celebration of the historical, cultural, economic and social contributions to this state made by the mining, mineral and natural resources industries in this state, including the livestock and agricultural industries.

2. Apply for and accept grants, gifts, bequests of legacies of real or personal property, donations, including donations of time, services and materials, or any other contribution, financial or otherwise, for use in accordance with the direction of the donor or, in the absence of an express direction, as prescribed by the university of Arizona. Monies

1 received pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in a separate
2 mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum account in the
3 geological survey fund established by section 27-107 to be used
4 exclusively for the maintenance, restoration and operations of the mining,
5 mineral and natural resources educational museum.

6 3. Accept from the federal or state government, any local
7 government or any of their agencies restricted and unrestricted monies
8 made available to this state for the mining, mineral and natural resources
9 educational museum.

10 4. Establish and collect entrance fees to the mining, mineral and
11 natural resources educational museum.

12 5. Operate a retail gift shop, including the acquisition, purchase
13 and resale of mining, mineral and natural resources specimens and related
14 items.

15 6. Employ a curator for the mining, mineral and natural resources
16 educational museum who possesses knowledge or experience in natural
17 resources and operating a museum.

18 7. Operate educational programming for the mining, mineral and
19 natural resources educational museum.

20 8. Accept the services of volunteers and provide oversight for
21 their activities.

22 9. Pay the necessary maintenance and operation expenses of the
23 mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum.

24 C. The university of Arizona:

25 1. Under the advisement of the mining, mineral and natural
26 resources educational museum advisory council, shall adopt a collections
27 management policy that is consistent with national standards and best
28 practices for museums in the United States established by a national
29 association of museums.

30 2. Shall maintain the items, artifacts and other inventory received
31 for display or storage, including equipment and outdoor displays.

32 3. In coordination with the mining, mineral and natural resources
33 educational museum advisory council and pursuant to the standards and best
34 practices adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection, may sell or
35 otherwise dispose of materials received for the mining, mineral and
36 natural resources educational museum.

37 4. Shall operate, manage and maintain the mining, mineral and
38 natural resources educational museum at the location where it is housed on
39 August 9, 2017 consistent with this article.

40 5. IN COORDINATION WITH THE MINING, MINERAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES
41 EDUCATIONAL MUSEUM ADVISORY COUNCIL, SHALL PROMOTE THE HISTORY OF THIS
42 STATE, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIVE C'S. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
43 PARAGRAPH, "FIVE C'S" MEANS COPPER, CATTLE, CITRUS, CLIMATE AND COTTON.

1 Sec. 2. Section 27-111, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 27-111. Mining, mineral and natural resources educational
4 museum advisory council; membership; duties; terms;
5 compensation

6 A. The mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum
7 advisory council is established consisting of the following members who,
8 except for the members designated pursuant to paragraphs 1, 9, 10 and 11
9 of this subsection, are appointed by the governor:

- 10 1. The state geologist or the state geologist's designee.
- 11 2. One member representing the livestock industry.
- 12 3. Two members representing the mining industry.
- 13 4. One member representing the agriculture industry.
- 14 5. One member representing the tourism industry.
- 15 6. One member representing the timber industry.
- 16 7. One member who is knowledgeable in gems and minerals.
- 17 8. Two members representing the public.
- 18 9. One member of the house of representatives who is appointed by
19 the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 20 10. One member of the senate who is appointed by the president of
21 the senate.
- 22 11. One member who is knowledgeable in museum operations and
23 management AND who is appointed by the president of the university of
24 Arizona.

25 B. The advisory council shall:

- 26 1. Select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its
27 members.
- 28 2. Hold regular meetings and additional meetings at the call of the
29 chairperson or a majority of its members.
- 30 3. Provide advice to the university of Arizona regarding the
31 mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum and assist in
32 promoting the mission of the museum, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING
33 THE HISTORY OF THIS STATE AND THE FIVE C'S. The university of Arizona
34 shall accept the recommendations of the advisory council if the state
35 geologist finds them to be practicable and in the best interest of the
36 mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum. FOR THE
37 PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "FIVE C'S" MEANS COPPER, CATTLE, CITRUS,
38 CLIMATE AND COTTON.
- 39 4. Establish a subcommittee to provide assistance and advice in the
40 areas of educational programming, the hiring and retention of a curator
41 and oversight of mineral collections. The advisory council may establish
42 subcommittees to act in an advisory capacity on other matters relevant to
43 the mining, mineral and natural resources educational museum and the
44 advisory council's duties.

1 C. The initial members appointed pursuant to subsection A,
2 paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this section shall assign themselves by
3 lot to three, four and five year terms of office. All subsequent members
4 serve four-year terms of office. A member may continue to serve until the
5 member's successor is appointed and assumes office.

6 D. Members of the advisory council are not eligible to receive
7 compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
8 title 38, chapter 4, article 2. The advisory council is a public body for
9 purposes of title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1.