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Introduced by
Representatives Gress: Diaz, Livingston, Martinez; Senator Werner

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-492; RELATING TO SCHOOL BOND ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 4, article 5, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-492, to read:

4 15-492. Independent municipal advisors; duties; prohibition

5 A. BEFORE CALLING AN ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, THE
6 GOVERNING BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL HIRE AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL
7 ADVISOR WHO IS REGISTERED AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE SECURITIES AND
8 EXCHANGE COMMISSION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THE SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH BOTH:

10 1. THE ELECTION.

11 2. IF A MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST AT THE BOND ELECTION FAVORS ISSUING
12 THE BONDS, EACH BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED BY THE ELECTION.

13 B. AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL ADVISOR WHO IS HIRED PURSUANT TO
14 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

15 1. ADVISE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD AND THE SCHOOL
16 DISTRICT ON ALL ASPECTS OF ISSUING THE BONDS TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
17 IN ACHIEVING THE MOST EFFECTIVE COST OF BORROWING, INCLUDING:

18 (a) DETERMINING THE REPAYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE BONDS.

19 (b) OBTAINING RATINGS, IF NECESSARY, ON THE BONDS.

20 (c) HIRING OTHER PROFESSIONALS NECESSARY TO SELL AND ISSUE THE
21 BONDS.

22 (d) ASSISTING IN ANY OTHER MATTER THAT IS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE
23 OF THE BONDS.

24 2. ASSIST THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD AND THE SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT IN PREPARING THE INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
26 TITLE 35.

27 3. ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

28 C. AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL ADVISOR WHO IS HIRED PURSUANT TO
29 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT:

30 1. COLLUDE IN ADVISING ON THE SELECTION OF OTHER PROFESSIONALS TO
31 ASSIST THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

32 2. PURCHASE OR UNDERWRITE ANY ISSUE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS, IF
33 THE PERSON SERVED AS THE INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL ADVISOR FOR THAT ISSUE OF
34 BONDS.