

REFERENCE TITLE: office of resiliency; climate change

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# HB 2551

Introduced by  
Representative Mathis

## AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 40, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 40-207; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-112; REPEALING TITLE 49, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Title 40, chapter 2, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 40-207, to read:

4 40-207. Renewable energy resource; electric distribution  
5 utilities; definition

6 A. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2035, ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES IN  
7 THIS STATE SHALL GENERATE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF THEIR ELECTRICITY FROM  
8 A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE.

9 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE":

10 1. MEANS AN ENERGY RESOURCE THAT IS SELF-REPLENISHING BY A NATURAL,  
11 ONGOING PROCESS.

12 2. INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (a) SOLAR ENERGY.

14 (b) WIND ENERGY.

15 (c) GEOTHERMAL ENERGY.

16 (d) HYDROPOWER ENERGY.

17 (e) BIOFUEL ENERGY.

18 Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
19 is amended by adding section 41-112, to read:

20 41-112. Office of resiliency; duties

21 A. THE OFFICE OF RESILIENCY IS ESTABLISHED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
22 GOVERNOR.

23 B. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE PURSUANT TO  
24 SECTION 38-211 WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR.

25 C. THE DIRECTOR IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO  
26 SECTION 38-611.

27 D. THE OFFICE SHALL:

28 1. ADDRESS THE THREAT OF CLIMATE CHANGE TO THE WATER AND NATURAL  
29 RESOURCES OF THIS STATE.

30 2. ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON THE AREAS OF WATER AND LAND USE,  
31 TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY AND OTHER POLICIES AS THE GOVERNOR OR THE DIRECTOR  
32 DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY.

33 3. DEVELOP AND PERIODICALLY UPDATE A RESILIENCY PLAN TO PROTECT OR  
34 IMPROVE THE RESILIENCY OF THIS STATE'S HUMAN POPULATION AND NATURAL AND  
35 ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AGAINST THE RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

36 4. DIRECT STATE AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY AND CHARACTERIZE POTENTIAL,  
37 CURRENT AND FUTURE RISKS IN THIS STATE TO HUMAN, NATURAL AND ECONOMIC  
38 SYSTEMS, INCLUDING POTENTIAL RISKS TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

39 (a) WATER RESOURCES.

40 (b) TEMPERATURE SENSITIVE POPULATIONS AND SYSTEMS.

41 (c) ENERGY SYSTEMS.

42 (d) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.

43 (e) VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES.

44 (f) NATURAL LANDS.

45 Sec. 3. Repeal

46 Title 49, chapter 1, article 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
47 repealed.