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SENATE BILL 1428

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-211, 11-212 AND 48-5105, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
RELATING TO COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 11-211, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 11-211. Membership; qualifications; term

5 A. ~~There shall be in each county having a population of one hundred~~
6 ~~seventy-five thousand or more persons a board of supervisors consisting of~~
7 ~~five members who shall be qualified electors of their supervisorial~~
8 ~~district, and who shall be elected at a general election at which the~~
9 ~~president of the United States is elected. In each county having a~~
10 ~~population of less than one hundred seventy-five thousand persons, a board~~
11 ~~of supervisors shall consist of three members, except as prescribed by~~
12 ~~subsection B or C of this section, who~~ IN EACH COUNTY THERE SHALL BE A
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSISTING OF A NUMBER OF MEMBERS BASED ON THE COUNTY
14 POPULATION AS FOLLOWS:

15 1. FOR COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED
16 SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS, THREE MEMBERS, EXCEPT AS PRESCRIBED BY
17 SUBSECTION C OR D OF THIS SECTION.

18 2. FOR COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE
19 THOUSAND OR MORE PERSONS BUT LESS THAN ONE MILLION PERSONS, FIVE MEMBERS.

20 3. FOR COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE PERSONS
21 BUT LESS THAN THREE MILLION PERSONS, SEVEN MEMBERS.

22 4. FOR COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF THREE MILLION OR MORE PERSONS,
23 NINE MEMBERS.

24 B. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD shall be A qualified ~~electors~~ ELECTOR
25 of ~~their~~ THE MEMBER'S supervisorial district and ~~who~~ shall be elected at a
26 general election at which the president of the United States is elected.
27 They shall enter on their duties on January 1 subsequent to their
28 election, and shall hold office for four years. No person holding any
29 other county or precinct office is eligible to the office of supervisor.

30 ~~B. C.~~ C. Any county ~~having~~ WITH a population of less than one hundred
31 fifty thousand persons but more than one hundred thousand persons shall
32 call an election to change from a three-member to a five-member board of
33 supervisors, or from a five-member to a three-member board of supervisors,
34 on receipt by the board of supervisors of a petition containing signatures
35 of qualified electors equal to at least ten percent of the votes cast in
36 the county at the preceding general election at which a president of the
37 United States was elected. The board shall submit to the electors in the
38 county, at a special election called for that purpose, the question OF
39 whether ~~or not~~ the county shall elect five members or three members to the
40 board of supervisors. The election shall be held before the first Monday
41 in January preceding the next general election. The ballots shall contain
42 the words: "Five supervisors, yes. Five supervisors, no." or "Three
43 supervisors, yes. Three supervisors, no." If the majority of the
44 qualified electors voting on the question votes in the affirmative, the
45 board of supervisors shall redistrict the county in accordance with

1 section 11-212. The county shall thereafter elect the prescribed number
 2 of members to the board of supervisors who shall be elected in the manner
 3 provided in subsection ~~A~~ B of this section and have the same
 4 qualifications as provided in subsection ~~A~~ B of this section for a board
 5 of supervisors with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or
 6 more persons, and shall hold office for a term of four years to commence
 7 on January 1.

8 ~~C.~~ D. Any county ~~having~~ WITH a population of at least one hundred
 9 fifty thousand persons but not more than one hundred seventy-five thousand
 10 persons and ~~having~~ WITH a county board of supervisors that consists of
 11 three persons shall submit to the electors in the county, at the next
 12 general election after the release of the population estimate from the
 13 office of economic opportunity, the question of whether the county shall
 14 elect five members to the board of supervisors. The ballots must contain
 15 the words: "Five supervisors, yes. Five supervisors, no." If approved by
 16 a majority of the qualified electors of that county who voted on the
 17 question, the board of supervisors shall redistrict the county pursuant to
 18 section 11-212. The county thereafter shall elect at the next general
 19 election immediately following the election at which the question is
 20 approved the prescribed number of members to the board of supervisors who
 21 shall have the same qualifications as provided in subsection ~~A~~ B of this
 22 section. The following apply to the election for the county board of
 23 supervisors prescribed in this subsection:

24 1. If the next general election immediately following the election
 25 at which the question is approved is held in a year that is the last year
 26 of the four-year term of the three members of the county board of
 27 supervisors who are already holding office, the five persons elected to
 28 the county board of supervisors hold office for a term of four years to
 29 commence on January 1 immediately following their election.

30 2. If the next general election immediately following the election
 31 at which the question is approved is held in a year that is not the last
 32 year of the four-year term of the three members of the county board of
 33 supervisors who are already holding office, the two additional persons
 34 elected to the county board of supervisors hold office for a term of four
 35 years to commence on January 1 immediately following their election. The
 36 three members of the county board of supervisors who are already holding
 37 office continue to serve their four-year terms of office without regard to
 38 whether they are residents of the newly redrawn supervisorial districts
 39 for the remainder of those four-year terms. Thereafter, members of the
 40 board of supervisors must be residents of their supervisorial district and
 41 the term of office for members of that county board of supervisors shall
 42 be staggered four-year terms.

43 3. For the election at which the question of whether the county
 44 shall elect five members to the board of supervisors is on the ballot, the

1 county shall include in the publicity pamphlet an estimate of the cost to
2 the county for each additional member to the board of supervisors.

3 4. For the purposes of this subsection, "population" means the
4 population according to the annual population estimate provided by the
5 office of economic opportunity.

6 Sec. 2. Section 11-212, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 11-212. Supervisorial districts

9 A. The board of supervisors shall meet at the county seat on or
10 before December 1 following the release of the United States decennial
11 census data and divide the county into three, ~~or~~ five, SEVEN OR NINE
12 supervisorial districts as provided in this article, which shall be
13 numbered, respectively: ~~;~~

14 1. Districts one, two and three. ~~or~~

15 2. Districts one, two, three, four and five.

16 3. DISTRICTS ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND SEVEN.

17 4. DISTRICTS ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT AND
18 NINE.

19 B. The board shall define the boundaries and limits of each
20 district and make the division equal or with not more than ten ~~per cent~~
21 PERCENT difference in population. The county may redistrict as often as
22 deemed necessary between each United States decennial census.

23 Sec. 3. Section 48-5105, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
24 read:

25 48-5105. Board of directors

26 A. A board composed of the following members shall govern the
27 authority:

28 1. From each municipality that enters into the authority, one
29 elected official who is appointed by the respective governing body of the
30 municipality.

31 2. One county supervisor who is appointed by the county board of
32 supervisors, if the county enters into the authority.

33 B. The term of each member is two years unless the member is no
34 longer serving in the member's elected capacity, in which case the
35 membership is vacant. The respective governing body shall fill a vacancy
36 under subsection A of this section.

37 C. Each municipality or county may provide for an alternate board
38 member who is also an elected official. Section 11-211, subsection ~~A~~ B
39 does not apply to a county supervisor serving on the board. If an elected
40 official of a municipality is prohibited from serving on the board, the
41 governing body of the municipality shall appoint an official of the
42 municipality who is not prohibited from serving on the board.

43 D. The voting members of the authority are entitled to one vote for
44 each member unless a voting member requests a weighted vote. If a
45 weighted vote is requested, the following apply:

1 1. Each member of the board is entitled to a percentage vote based
2 on the proportion of the population the member represents to the total
3 population represented by all members of the board, except as provided in
4 paragraph 4 of this subsection.

5 2. If a municipality is a member of the board, its proportion of
6 the population shall be calculated on the basis of the population in the
7 incorporated area of the municipality.

8 3. If the county is a member of the board, its proportion of the
9 population shall be calculated on the basis of the population in the
10 unincorporated area of the county.

11 4. The weighted vote of any single member shall not exceed forty
12 ~~per cent~~ PERCENT of the total weighted vote. If any member's proportion
13 of the population as calculated in this subsection entitles it to a
14 weighted vote in excess of forty ~~per cent~~ PERCENT, the limitation on its
15 percentage does not affect the calculation of the weighted vote of each
16 other member.

17 E. For the purpose of preliminary approval of a regional public
18 transportation system plan, the voting provisions of subsection D of this
19 section apply, except that if a weighted vote is requested, in addition to
20 the provisions provided in subsection D of this section relating to a
21 weighted vote, a minimum of one-third of the voting members is also
22 required for preliminary approval of the plan.

23 Sec. 4. Effective date

24 Sections 11-211, 11-212 and 48-5105, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
25 amended by this act, are effective from and after December 31, 2032.