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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 12-121, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COURTS OF RECORD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 12-121, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 12-121. Number of judges; petition for approval of additional
5 judges; additional method

6 A. In each county of the state there shall be a superior court for
7 which at least one judge shall be elected. In each county having a census
8 enumeration greater than thirty thousand inhabitants, and ~~upon~~ ON petition
9 by the board of supervisors of such county to the governor and ~~his~~ THE
10 GOVERNOR'S approval thereof, there shall be an additional judge of the
11 superior court for each thirty thousand inhabitants, or majority fraction
12 thereof, or the additional judge of the superior court may be authorized,
13 based on the procedure prescribed by the terms of subsections B and C OF
14 THIS SECTION.

15 B. ~~Upon~~ ON petition by the board of supervisors of a county to the
16 governor and ~~his~~ THE GOVERNOR'S approval thereof, there shall be an
17 additional judge of the superior court provided that the board of
18 supervisors has determined, as prescribed in subsection C OF THIS SECTION,
19 that the county has acquired since the last census enumeration the
20 required number of inhabitants for an additional judge as provided in
21 subsection A OF THIS SECTION.

22 C. The determination of the board of supervisors shall be based on,
23 but not limited to, recent estimates of population, if any, of any area
24 within the county issued by the UNITED STATES CENSUS bureau ~~of the census~~,
25 auto registrations, nonagricultural employment, gross utility revenues and
26 retail sales.

27 D. Additional judges authorized by the terms of this section shall
28 be appointed or elected as provided by law.