

REFERENCE TITLE: state elected officials; absence; protection

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# **SB 1651**

Introduced by  
Senator Finchem

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 38, CHAPTER 2.1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 38-387; RELATING TO STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 38, chapter 2.1, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 38-387, to read:

4 38-387. Absence of state elected official during official  
5 state events

6 A. THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE ATTORNEY  
7 GENERAL OR THE STATE TREASURER, ON A ROTATING BASIS, SHALL BE EXCUSED AND  
8 ABSENT FROM THE VICINITY OF THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT DURING THE INAUGURATION  
9 OF STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE  
10 ADDRESS OR ANY OTHER STATE ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR OR GUBERNATORIAL EVENT  
11 WHERE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATE OR ARE IN  
12 ATTENDANCE.

13 B. FOR AN EVENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL COORDINATE AN OFF-SITE LOCATION FOR THE  
15 EXCUSED AND ABSENT ELECTED OFFICIAL. THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SHALL REMAIN  
16 OFF-SITE UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT.