

REFERENCE TITLE: freedom of speech monument; committee

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SB 1663

Introduced by
Senator Bolick

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 12, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1293; RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 7, article 12, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1293, to read:
4 41-1293. Freedom of speech monument committee; membership;
5 duties
6 A. THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH MONUMENT COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED
7 CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
8 1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON
9 OF THE COMMITTEE IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.
10 2. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO SHALL SERVE AS
11 THE CHAIRPERSON IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS.
12 3. THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER.
13 4. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAJORITY LEADER.
14 5. THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER.
15 6. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MINORITY LEADER.
16 7. THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OR THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S
17 DESIGNEE.
18 B. THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH MONUMENT COMMITTEE SHALL NOMINATE AND
19 APPROVE TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES EACH YEAR TO BE
20 ADDED TO THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH MONUMENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
21 PRESERVING FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN THIS STATE.
22 C. INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE NOMINATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS
23 SECTION MUST BE DECEASED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.
24 D. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ON THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON.
25 Sec. 2. Freedom of speech monument; procedures; delayed
26 repeal
27 A. Pursuant to section 41-1363, subsection A, Arizona Revised
28 Statutes, this act authorizes the legislative council to provide for the
29 placement of a freedom of speech monument in the governmental mall.
30 B. The procedures prescribed in section 41-1363, subsection B,
31 Arizona Revised Statutes, apply to the placement of the monument.
32 C. Public monies are not authorized for the costs of the placement
33 of the monument. All fundraising and contracts for artistic design and
34 construction of the monument are the sole responsibility of the
35 proponents. This state may not facilitate fundraising or establish a
36 state fund for the deposit of the monies.
37 D. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2029.