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freedom of speech monument; committee

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# SENATE BILL 1663

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, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE, WHO  
9 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

10 2. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR THE SPEAKER'S  
11 DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS.

12 3. THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER OR THE MAJORITY LEADER'S DESIGNEE.

13 4. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAJORITY LEADER OR THE MAJORITY  
14 LEADER'S DESIGNEE.

15 5. THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER OR THE MINORITY LEADER'S DESIGNEE.

16 6. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MINORITY LEADER OR THE MINORITY  
17 LEADER'S DESIGNEE.

18 7. THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OR THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S  
19 DESIGNEE.

20 B. THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH MONUMENT COMMITTEE SHALL NOMINATE AND  
21 APPROVE TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES EACH YEAR TO BE  
22 ADDED TO THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH MONUMENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
23 PRESERVING FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN THIS STATE.

24 C. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOMINATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS  
25 SECTION MUST BE DECEASED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

26 D. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ON THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON.

27 Sec. 2. Freedom of speech monument; procedures; delayed  
28 repeal

29 A. Pursuant to section 41-1363, subsection A, Arizona Revised  
30 Statutes, this act authorizes the legislative council to provide for the  
31 placement of a freedom of speech monument in the governmental mall.

32 B. The procedures prescribed in section 41-1363, subsection B,  
33 Arizona Revised Statutes, apply to the placement of the monument.

34 C. Public monies are not authorized for the costs of the placement  
35 of the monument. All fundraising and contracts for artistic design and  
36 construction of the monument are the sole responsibility of the  
37 proponents. This state may not facilitate fundraising or establish a  
38 state fund for the deposit of the monies.

39 D. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2029.