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Representative Jay Lawrence (R-23)

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Representative Jay Lawrence to Introduce Legislation to Prevent Establishment of Sanctuary Cities

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Jay Lawrence (R-23) today announced plans to introduce legislation that would further stop cities and towns in Arizona from ignoring their obligation to enforce immigration laws.

Under Representative Lawrence's proposed legislation, a county, city, town, or other political subdivision would be prevented from having a specific policy, rule, ordinance, or practice in effect that would prohibit certain types of immigration enforcement.

In 2010, SB 1070 made sanctuary cities illegal in Arizona by requiring local law enforcement to check immigration status if there is a reasonable suspicion that they have stopped, detained, or arrested an illegal immigrant.

"When cities or towns make the decision to ignore our immigration laws it opens the door to many consequences that range from restricting public safety responders to placing fiscal burdens on hard working taxpayers," said Representative Lawrence. **"SB 1070 was clear in making sanctuary cities illegal in Arizona and if certain cities and towns decide to violate that law they should be held accountable."**

Tucson residents will vote on an initiative in November to officially designate Tucson as a sanctuary city and prohibit city law enforcement from checking immigration status, as required by state law.

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