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HB 2260: Arizona criminal justice commission; membership. Sponsor: Representative Blackman, LD 6 Committee on Criminal Justice Reform

<u>Overview</u>

Increases the number of board members appointed by the Governor from fourteen to sixteen on the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC), including members with specific qualifications and experience.

<u>History</u>

The <u>Arizona Criminal Justice Commission</u> (ACJC), established in 1982, was statutorily created to serve various coordinating, monitoring and reporting functions regarding the administration and management of Arizona criminal justice programs.

ACJC is currently composed of the Attorney General, the Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Director of the State Department of Corrections, fourteen members appointed by the governor with no more than seven being from the same political party, the Administrative Director of the Courts and the Chairman of the Board of Executive Clemency (A.R.S. § 41-2404).

The fourteen governor-appointed members must include

- 1) One police chief;
- 2) One county attorney and one sheriff from a county with a population of at least 1,500,000 and one police chief;
- 3) One county attorney, one county sheriff from a county with a population of at least 800,000 people but less than 1,500,000 people and one police chief;
- 4) One county attorney and one county sheriff from counties with a population of fewer than 800,000 people;
- 5) One law enforcement leader;
- 6) One former judge;
- 7) One mayor;
- 8) One member of a county board of supervisors; and
- 9) One chief probation officer (<u>A.R.S. § 41-2404</u>).

Provisions

- 1. Increases the number of ACJC board members appointed by the Governor from fourteen to sixteen members. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Stipulates no more than eight members may be from the same political party. (Sec. 1)
- 3. States that of the two new members, one must be a public defender and one must be a victim advocate. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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