# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HB 2309: sovereign authority; law enforcement**
**S/E: law enforcement; sovereign authority**
**Sponsor: Representative Jones, LD 17**
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## Summary of the Strike-Everything Amendment to HB 2309

### Overview
Declares Arizona's sovereign authority over federal laws, treaties, orders, rules, regulations, actions and programs (Acts) that are inconsistent with the authority of state and local law enforcement. Permits members of the Legislature to direct the Attorney General to render an opinion on the constitutionality of a federal Act.

### History
The Arizona Constitution stipulates that the United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land to which all government, state and federal, is subject. Additionally, the Arizona Constitution asserts that Arizona may exercise its sovereign authority to restrict the actions of its personnel and the use of its financial resources to purposes that are consistent with the Arizona Constitution. In such cases, Arizona and its political subdivisions are prohibited from using any personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with the designated federal action or program (Arizona Constitution art. II § 3).

### Provisions
1. Asserts that it is the public policy of Arizona to protect Arizona's sovereign authority against federal Acts that are inconsistent with the authority of state and local law enforcement agencies. (Sec. 1)

2. Permits either house of the Legislature, or any one of its members, to demand that the Attorney General render an opinion on the constitutionality of a federal Act alleged to be inconsistent with the authority of state or local law enforcement agencies. (Sec. 1)

3. Asserts that the laws of Arizona are to be interpreted to protect Arizona's sovereign authority against federal actions. (Sec. 1)

4. Asserts that any federal Act which the Arizona Supreme Court finds violates Arizona's sovereign authority is null, void and unenforceable. (Sec. 1)

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