



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2703

supervisors; legislative vacancy; appointment

Purpose

Requires the county board of supervisors (county BOS) to fill a legislative vacancy within 14 calendar days of receiving the list of nominees.

Background

When a legislative vacancy occurs, the county BOS must appoint a qualified elector to fill the vacancy. There are two processes by which the vacant seat may be filled, depending on the number of precinct committeemen (PCs) from precincts in the legislative district and in the county in which the vacancy occurred. If there are more than 30 PCs from precincts in the legislative district, the Secretary of State (SOS) must notify the appropriate state party chairperson, who must call a meeting of the PCs. The PCs must nominate three qualified electors who meet the requirements for service in the Legislature, belong to the appropriate political party and reside in the appropriate legislative district and county. The state party chairperson must forward the names of the three persons to the appropriate county BOS who must appoint one of the electors. If there are fewer than 30 PCs, the SOS must notify the appropriate county BOS, who must appoint a citizens panel to nominate three qualified electors to fill the vacancy. The county BOS must appoint the replacement from the three qualified electors nominated by a majority vote ([A.R.S. § 41-1202](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires the county BOS to appoint a person to fill the vacancy from the three nominees submitted within 14 calendar days after receiving the names of the three nominees from the:
 - a) state party chairperson; or
 - b) citizens panel.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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