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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1242

ADWR; application; review; time frames

Purpose

Prescribes licensing time frames for the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to make determinations for applications for new or modified certificates, designations or analyses of assured water supply.

Background

Statute prescribes licensing time frames for which agencies must adhere to when issuing various licenses. In establishing time frames, each agency must consider: 1) the complexity of the licensing subject matter; 2) the resources of the agency granting or denying the license; 3) the economic impact of delay on the regulated community; 4) the impact of the licensing decision on public health and safety; 5) the possible use of volunteers with expertise in the subject matter area; 6) the possible increased use of general licenses for similar types of licensed business or facilities; 7) the possible increased cooperation between agency and the regulated community; and 8) increased agency flexibility in structuring the licensing process and personnel ([A.R.S. § 41-1073](#)).

In addition, statute outlines the compliance requirements for the administrative completeness review time frame, the substantive review time frame, the overall time frame and the consequences for agency failure to comply with overall time frames (A.R.S. §§ [41-1074](#); [41-1075](#); [41-1076](#); and [41-1077](#)).

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

Provisions

1. Requires the Director of the ADWR to make determinations for an application for a new or modified certificate, designation or analysis of assured water supply within the following licensing time frames:
 - a) for the administrative completeness review time frame, 90 days or less;
 - b) for the substantive review time frame, 30 days or less; and
 - c) for the overall time frame, 120 days or less.
2. Defines *administrative completeness review time frame* as the number of days from agency receipt of an application for a license until an agency determines that the application contains all components required by statute or rule, including all information required to be submitted by other government agencies, excluding the period of time during which an agency provides public notice of the license application or performs a substantive review of the application.

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3. Defines *overall time frame* as the number of days after receipt of an application for a license during which an agency determines whether to grant or deny a license, and consists of both the administrative completeness review time frame and the substantive review time frame.
4. Defines *substantive review time frame* as the number of days after the completion of the administrative completeness review time frame during which an agency determines whether an application or applicant for a license meets all substantive criteria required by statute or rule, and includes any public notice or hearings required by law.
5. Makes technical and conforming changes.
6. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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