

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1300
(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. San Simon Valley groundwater subbasin; irrigation
3 non-expansion area; county board of supervisor;
4 election

5 A. Within ninety days after the effective date of this section, the
6 Cochise county board of supervisors may call a special election for the
7 residents of Cochise county that reside in the San Simon Valley groundwater
8 subbasin to vote on the question of whether to designate the portion of the
9 San Simon Valley groundwater subbasin that is located in Cochise county as
10 an irrigation non-expansion area.

11 B. All qualified electors who reside within the portion of the
12 boundaries of the San Simon Valley groundwater subbasin that is located in
13 Cochise county are eligible to vote on the question prescribed by this
14 section. All election expenses incurred pursuant to this section are the
15 responsibility of the county. The director of the department of water
16 resources shall transmit to the county recorder any factual data concerning
17 the boundaries of the portion of the San Simon Valley groundwater subbasin
18 that is located in Cochise county that may aid the county recorder in
19 determining which registered voters of the county are residents and, for
20 the purposes of this section, are eligible voters of the portion of the San
21 Simon Valley groundwater subbasin that is located in Cochise county. The
22 transmitted data shall include a map of the residences in the portion of
23 the San Simon Valley groundwater subbasin that is located in Cochise
24 county.

25 C. Any registered voter of the county whose residency in the portion
26 of the San Simon Valley groundwater subbasin that is located in Cochise
27 county is in question shall be allowed to vote. The ballot shall be placed
28 in a separate envelope, the outside of which shall contain the precinct
29 name and number, the signature of the voter, the residence address of the
30 voter and the voter's registration number, if available. The voter receipt
31 card shall be attached to the envelope. The county recorder shall verify
32 the ballot for proper residency of the voter before counting. The
33 verification shall be made within five business days following the
34 election, and the voter receipt card shall be returned to the
35 voter. Verified ballots shall be counted using the procedure outlined for

1 counting early ballots. If residency in the portion of the San Simon
2 Valley groundwater subbasin that is located in Cochise county is not
3 verified, the ballot shall remain unopened and shall be destroyed.

4 D. The ballot shall state "Should the portion of the San Simon
5 Valley groundwater subbasin that is located in Cochise county be designated
6 as an irrigation non-expansion area?" followed by the words "Yes" and
7 "No".

8 E. Within thirty days after the general election results are
9 certified, if a majority of eligible voters voted in favor of the
10 designation of the San Simon irrigation non-expansion area, the director
11 shall make and file an order designating the portion of the San Simon
12 Valley groundwater subbasin that is located in Cochise county as an
13 irrigation non-expansion area and file a true map of the irrigation
14 non-expansion area in the Cochise county recorder's office.

15 Sec. 2. Emergency

16 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
17 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
18 law."

19 Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

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