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# HB 2132: municipal land sales; public notice Sponsor: Representative Griffin, LD 19 Committee on Government

## **Overview**

Outlines the procedures for the sale of real property of a municipality that is valued at more than \$1,500,000 but less than \$15,000,000.

### <u>History</u>

A city or town is allowed to sell and convey all or any part of its real or personal property. Before the sale, an invitation for bids must be published as provided in statute and notice posted in three or more public places within the municipality (A.R.S.  $\S$  9-402).

If the value of the real property of a municipality that is being sold exceeds \$1,500,000 a special election must be called for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the municipality the question of selling or not selling the proposed real property. If a majority of ballots are cast in favor of selling, the governing body is authorized to sell the property at a public auction after giving proper statutory notice (A.R.S. § 9-403).

### **Provisions**

- 1. Specifies that real property of a municipality with a value of more than \$1,500,000 but less than \$15,000,000 may be sold if the governing body of the municipality:
  - a) holds at least one public hearing to take public comment on the proposed sale after publishing the invitation for bids at least 30 days prior to the scheduled purchase agreement approval; and
  - b) adopts a resolution approving the sale of the property based on a vote of the members of the governing body. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Prescribes the publishing of the public hearing to be provided at least 10 days prior to the hearing and must include:
  - a) a description of the property proposed for sale and the reasons for the sale; and
  - b) information on how to submit written and verbal comments on the proposed sale. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Directs the terms of the sale to be posted on the municipality's website on completion of the sale. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Increases the value of real property of a municipality to be sold by calling a special election from \$1,500,000 to \$15,000,000. (Sec. 1)
- 5. Prohibits real property sold pursuant to statute from being sold at less than the appraised value of the property. (Sec. 1)
- 6. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 2)

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