



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2381

non-contiguous county island fire districts

Purpose

Specifies that a noncontiguous county island fire district may expand its boundaries to include unincorporated parcels within a city's or town's municipal planning area if the parcel is contiguous with the city's or town's boundaries or the existing district.

Background

Statute requires that certain special taxing districts be contiguous except as provided for the establishment of a noncontiguous county island fire district. The governing body of certain special taxing districts also must not approve a proposed annexation if the property is not contiguous with the district's existing boundaries except that a noncontiguous county island fire district may expand its boundaries to include unincorporated parcels within a city's or a town's municipal planning area with the permission of the city or town.

Statute defines *noncontiguous county island fire district* as a district that is formed in accordance with statutory procedures and for which either: 1) consists of only noncontiguous county islands in a geographic boundary area that is contained in a municipal planning area, is within the boundaries of an automatic aid or mutual aid consortium, fire protection services are not funded at the time of the district's formation and there is only one fire district within the geographic area of the municipal planning area; or 2) a fire district surrounded by incorporated areas in a county and contracts for fire protection services from an adjacent municipality that reformed as a noncontiguous county island fire district upon approval from the county board of supervisors (A.R.S. §§ [48-261](#); [48-262](#); [48-851](#); and [48-853](#)).

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

Provisions

1. Specifies that a noncontiguous county island fire district, through its board, may expand its boundaries to include unincorporated parcels within a city's or town's municipal planning area only if the parcel is contiguous with the city's or town's boundaries or the existing district.
2. Makes technical and conforming changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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