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## **SB 1056: municipalities; counties; fee increases; vote**

**Sponsor: Senator Petersen, LD 14**

**Committee on Government**

### **Overview**

Prescribes a two-thirds' vote requirement by a municipality or county to increase taxes or fees.

### **History**

The corporate powers of a town incorporated under statute is vested in a common council. Dependent upon population, a common council consists of five- or seven-members total. A common council of a municipality has control of the finances and property of the corporation. Additionally, a common council has statutory authority to accomplish various tasks including to erect, lease or purchase necessary buildings for the purposes of the corporation and to appropriate money and provide for the payment of its debts and expenses (A.R.S. §§ [9-231](#), [9-240](#)).

The powers of a county must be exercised only by a board of supervisors and based on county population, a board of supervisors consists of three- or five-members total. A county board of supervisors has statutory authority to accomplish various tasks including to make order for the disposition or use of its property, levy and collect taxes for purposes under its exclusive jurisdiction and purchase and hold lands within its limits (A.R.S. §§ [11-201](#), [11-211](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Stipulates that the common council of a municipality and the county board of supervisors must have a two-thirds' vote in order to levy or increase any assessment, fee or tax. (Sec. 1, 2)
2. Declares that the regulation of increases in municipal and county assessments, fees and taxes is a matter of statewide concern. (Sec. 1, 2)
3. Specifies that the ability of a municipality and county to increase assessments, fees and taxes by the two-thirds' vote requirement is not subject to further regulation by the municipality or county. (Sec. 1, 2)

Prop 105 (45 votes)

Prop 108 (40 votes)

Emergency (40 votes)

Fiscal Note