



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1239

constable; powers and duties; prohibited acts

Purpose

Requires the constable, the board of supervisors or the county, within 10 business days after a deputy constable is appointed, to post the name of the deputy constable on its website.

Background

Constables serve as officers of the justice precincts and are elected by the qualified electors of the precinct at the general election for state and county officers for terms of four years ([A.R.S. § 22-102](#)). Constables must attend the courts of justices of the peace within the constable's precinct when required, and must, within the county, execute, serve and return all processes, warrants and notices directed or delivered to the constable by a justice of the peace of the county or by competent authority. A constable may, with the consent of and at salaries fixed by the board of supervisors, appoint deputies, stenographers, clerks and assistants necessary to conduct the affairs of the office.

The provision of law relating to sheriffs as far as applicable, governs the power, duties and liabilities of constables. A constable who is duly elected or appointed by the board of supervisors has the authority of a peace officer only in the performance of the constable's official duties ([A.R.S. § 22-131](#)).

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

Provisions

1. Requires the constable, the board of supervisors or the county, within 10 business days after a deputy constable is appointed, to post the name of the deputy constable on its website.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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