



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1277

board of supervisors; membership

Purpose

Increases the size of a county board of supervisors (county BOS) in counties with a population between 1,000,000 and 3,000,000 persons to seven members and a population of more than 3,000,000 persons to nine members.

Background

Each county with a population of more than 175,000 persons must have five county BOS members and each county with a population of fewer than 175,000 persons must have three county BOS members unless expanded pursuant to statutory requirements. County supervisors must be qualified electors of their supervisorial district and elected at a general election at which the President of the United States is elected. The four-year term of office for county supervisors begins on January 1 after the election. No person holding any other county or precinct office is eligible to run for the office of county supervisor.

For the purpose of county BOS membership, *population* is the population according to the annual population estimate provided by the office of economic opportunity ([A.R.S. § 11-211](#)).

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

Provisions

1. Increases the number of members of a county BOS from:
 - a) five to seven members in a county with a population of between 1,000,000 and 3,000,000 persons; and
 - b) five to nine members in a county with a population of more than 3,000,000 persons.
2. Requires, following the release of the U.S. decennial census:
 - a) a county with seven supervisors to be divided into seven supervisorial districts; and
 - b) a county with nine supervisors to be divided into nine supervisorial districts.
3. Makes technical and conforming changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.