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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1320

intergovernmental public transportation authorities; formation

Purpose

Raises the population threshold under which a county may establish an intergovernmental public transportation authority (IPTA).

Background

Current statute allows the board of supervisors of a county with a population of 200,000 or fewer to establish an IPTA. An IPTA is responsible for the operation and maintenance of its geographic service area's public transportation system. The growth of a county population threshold does not cause the dissolution of an authority (A.R.S. §§ [28-9103](#) and [28-9124](#)).

Monies for an IPTA consist of: 1) monies appropriated or paid to the authority from municipalities, member universities and the county; 2) monies received by the authority from the federal or state government; 3) grants, gifts and other donations from any source; 4) revenues collected by the authority as fares and proceeds from operating the public transportation system; and 5) monies received from the county transportation excise tax ([A.R.S. § 28-9142](#)).

Multiple counties may establish a joint IPTA through an intergovernmental agreement ([A.R.S. § 28-9102](#)).

An IPTA is governed by a county board of directors that is comprised of between five and nine members, including representatives of participating municipalities and counties (A.R.S. §§ [28-9102](#) and [28-9121](#)).

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

Provisions

1. Raises, from 200,000 to 400,000 persons, the population threshold under which a county may organize an IPTA.
2. Makes conforming changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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