

REFERENCE TITLE: universities; water rights adjudication

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Introduced by
Representative Griffin

AN ACT

REPEALING SECTION 15-1647, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 15-1647; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Repeal

3 Section 15-1647, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

4 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 13, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
5 is amended by adding a new section 15-1647, to read:

6 15-1647. Water rights adjudication; cooperative extension;
7 establishment; assistance; annual report

8 A. A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
9 REGENTS MAY OFFER PRO BONO ASSISTANCE TO CLAIMANTS WHO ARE SMALL
10 LANDOWNERS IN THE GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS FILED
11 PURSUANT TO TITLE 45, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 9 AND WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY
12 COUNSEL. A UNIVERSITY THAT OFFERS ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
13 MAY REPRESENT A CLAIMANT IN THE ADJUDICATION UNTIL THAT CLAIMANT PROCEEDS
14 TO AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING OR TO SOME OTHER CONTESTED PROCEEDING THAT IS
15 SIMILAR TO A TRIAL. IF THE CLAIMANT HAS NOT SETTLED THE CLAIM, THE
16 UNIVERSITY MAY NOT REPRESENT THAT CLAIMANT AT AN EVIDENTIARY OR SIMILARLY
17 CONTESTED HEARING.

18 B. ANY UNIVERSITY THAT OFFERS ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A
19 OF THIS SECTION SHALL COOPERATE AND COORDINATE WITH THE FACULTY OF A
20 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN THIS STATE THAT HAS A PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE
21 ECONOMIC VITALITY OF RURAL COMMUNITIES AND THE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN
22 THOSE RURAL COMMUNITIES.

23 C. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, A UNIVERSITY THAT OFFERS
24 ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN
25 REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
26 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
27 AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.