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## **HB 2787**

Introduced by  
Representatives Hoffman: Grantham, Kavanagh, Toma, Wilmeth, Senators Kerr,  
Livingston, Mesnard, Petersen

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING SECTION 11-109, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-118, 11-119 AND 11-120; RELATING TO LOCATION OF COUNTIES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 11-109, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 11-109. Maricopa county

5 Maricopa county, the county seat of which is Phoenix, is bounded as  
6 follows:

7 ~~Commencing at a point where the meridian line one hundred thirteen~~  
8 ~~degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey of~~  
9 ~~1918, intersects the second standard parallel south, being the northwest~~  
10 ~~corner of Pima county; thence north on such survey line and along the east~~  
11 ~~boundaries of Yuma and La Paz counties to the point where the meridian~~  
12 ~~line one hundred thirteen degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as~~  
13 ~~surveyed, intersects the thirty-fourth parallel north latitude, as defined~~  
14 ~~by the Thompson survey of 1924; thence east on the thirty-fourth parallel~~  
15 ~~north latitude, as defined, and along the southern boundary of Yavapai~~  
16 ~~county to the point where the Hassayampa river intersects such parallel;~~  
17 ~~thence southeast in a direct line following the Thompson survey of 1924 to~~  
18 ~~a point in the Agua Fria river two miles southerly and below the mouth of~~  
19 ~~Humbug creek; thence northerly up the Agua Fria river to a point two miles~~  
20 ~~southerly and below the place where the residence of J. W. Swilling stood~~  
21 ~~on January 31, 1877; thence easterly in a direct line following the~~  
22 ~~Thompson survey of 1924 to the point where the thirty-fourth parallel~~  
23 ~~north latitude, as defined by such survey, intersects the Verde river;~~  
24 ~~thence east on such parallel to the point where the parallel as surveyed~~  
25 ~~intersects the summit of the Mazatzal range of mountains; thence southerly~~  
26 ~~along the summit of the Mazatzal range of mountains to the point where~~  
27 ~~such range of mountains intersects the centerline of the Salt river;~~  
28 ~~thence easterly up the Salt river to the mouth of Tonto creek; thence~~  
29 ~~southerly in a direct line toward a mountain known as the "Water Shed,"~~  
30 ~~and along the western boundary of Gila county to the point where such line~~  
31 ~~and boundary intersects the north line of township one north; thence west~~  
32 ~~on the north line of township one north and along the northern boundary of~~  
33 ~~Pinal county to the point where such line intersects the eastern line of~~  
34 ~~range seven east; thence south on the eastern line of range seven east to~~  
35 ~~the point where such line intersects the southern line of township two~~  
36 ~~south; thence west on such line to the point where such line intersects~~  
37 ~~the Gila river; thence northerly and westerly down the Gila river to the~~  
38 ~~point where the river intersects the eastern line of range one east, being~~  
39 ~~the northwest corner of Pinal county; thence south on such line to the~~  
40 ~~point where such line intersects the second standard parallel south, being~~  
41 ~~the southwest corner of Pinal county; thence west on such parallel to the~~  
42 ~~point where it intersects the meridian line one hundred thirteen degrees~~  
43 ~~twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey of 1918,~~  
44 ~~being the place of beginning.~~ BEGINNING ON THE NORTHWESTERN BORDER OF THE  
45 CITY OF GLENDALE AT 75TH AVENUE AND PINNACLE PEAK ROAD, THENCE EAST ALONG

1 THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF  
2 THE CITY OF GLENDALE TO THE POINT WHERE INTERSECTS THUNDERBIRD ROAD;  
3 THENCE EAST ALONG THUNDERBIRD ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE INTERSECTS CAVE  
4 CREEK ROAD; THENCE EAST FOLLOWING ALONG CACTUS ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE  
5 INTERSECTS TATUM BOULEVARD; THENCE SOUTH ALONG TATUM BOULEVARD TO THE  
6 NORTHWEST BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY; THENCE SOUTH FOLLOWING  
7 THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX TO THE POINT WHERE INTERSECTS THE  
8 BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TEMPE ON MCDOWELL ROAD, THENCE SOUTH AND THENCE  
9 EAST FOLLOWING THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TEMPE CONTINUING TO THE POINT  
10 WHERE INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX; THENCE SOUTH ALONG  
11 THE WESTERN BORDER OF CHANDLER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF  
12 CHANDLER; THENCE SOUTH TO WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE MERIDIAN LINE ONE  
13 HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE; THENCE WEST ALONG  
14 THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PINAL COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE  
15 INTERSECTS THE EASTERN LINE OF RANGE SEVEN EAST; THENCE SOUTH ON THE  
16 EASTERN LINE OF RANGE SEVEN EAST TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE INTERSECTS  
17 THE SOUTHERN LINE OF TOWNSHIP TWO SOUTH; THENCE WEST ON SUCH LINE TO THE  
18 POINT WHERE SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE GILA RIVER; THENCE NORTHERLY AND  
19 WESTERLY DOWN THE GILA RIVER TO THE POINT WHERE THE RIVER INTERSECTS THE  
20 EASTERN LINE OF RANGE ONE EAST, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PINAL  
21 COUNTY; THENCE SOUTH TO THE THIRTY-THIRD PARALLEL FOLLOWING A DIRECT LINE  
22 ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION; THENCE  
23 NORTH ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR; THENCE NORTH  
24 ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE TO WHERE INTERSECTS THE  
25 BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE FOLLOWING THE BOUNDARY OF THE  
26 CITY OF GLENDALE TO THE NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE,  
27 WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

28 Sec. 2. Title 11, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
29 is amended by adding sections 11-118, 11-119 and 11-120 to read:

30 11-118. Hohokam county

31 HOHOKAM COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

32 SOUTH ON THE NORTHWESTERN POINT WHERE GILA COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE  
33 SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE SECOND STANDARD PARALLEL SOUTH, BEING THE  
34 SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PINAL COUNTY; THENCE WEST ON SUCH PARALLEL TO THE  
35 POINT WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE MERIDIAN LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES  
36 TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE TO THE WESTERN BORDER OF SUN LAKES AT PRICE  
37 ROAD; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER;  
38 THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE  
39 NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE EAST ALONG  
40 THE NORTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE BORDER  
41 OF THE CITY OF MESA CONTINUING TO THE NORTHWESTERN POINT WHERE GILA COUNTY  
42 INTERSECTS, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

43 11-119. Mogollon county

44 MOGOLLON COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

1 FROM THE AGUA FRIA RIVER TWO MILES SOUTHERLY AND BELOW THE MOUTH OF  
2 HUMBUG CREEK; THENCE NORTHERLY UP THE AGUA FRIA RIVER TO A POINT TWO MILES  
3 SOUTHERLY AND BELOW THE PLACE WHERE THE RESIDENCE OF J. W. SWILLING STOOD  
4 ON JANUARY 31, 1877; THENCE EASTERLY IN A DIRECT LINE FOLLOWING THE  
5 THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924 TO THE POINT WHERE THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL  
6 NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED BY SUCH SURVEY, INTERSECTS THE VERDE RIVER;  
7 THENCE EAST ON SUCH PARALLEL TO THE POINT WHERE THE PARALLEL AS SURVEYED  
8 INTERSECTS THE SUMMIT OF THE MAZATZAL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS; THENCE SOUTHERLY  
9 ALONG THE SUMMIT OF THE MAZATZAL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS TO THE POINT WHERE  
10 SUCH RANGE OF MOUNTAINS INTERSECTS THE CENTERLINE OF THE SALT RIVER;  
11 THENCE EASTERLY UP THE SALT RIVER TO THE MOUTH OF TONTO CREEK; THENCE  
12 SOUTHERLY IN A DIRECT LINE TOWARD A MOUNTAIN KNOWN AS THE "WATER SHED,"  
13 AND ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF GILA COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE  
14 AND BOUNDARY INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF TOWNSHIP ONE NORTH; THENCE WEST  
15 FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF MESA TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER  
16 OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN RESERVATION TO THE BORDER OF THE  
17 CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY  
18 CONTINUING NORTHWARD TO THE NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE  
19 VALLEY AT SHEA BOULEVARD AND TATUM BOULEVARD; THENCE NORTH FOLLOWING TATUM  
20 BOULEVARD TO CACTUS ROAD; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING CACTUS ROAD TO THE POINT  
21 WHERE INTERSECTS CAVE CREEK ROAD; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING THUNDERBIRD ROAD  
22 TO THE POINT WHERE INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY FOR CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE  
23 NORTH FOLLOWING THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE NORTH  
24 FOLLOWING THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX; THENCE WEST  
25 FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF PEORIA TO THE POINT ON THE  
26 AGUA FRIA RIVER, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

27 11-120. O'odham county

28 O'ODHAM COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

29 COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE MERIDIAN LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN  
30 DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE, AS DEFINED BY THE ATWOOD SURVEY OF  
31 1918, INTERSECTS THE SECOND STANDARD PARALLEL SOUTH, BEING THE NORTHWEST  
32 CORNER OF PIMA COUNTY; THENCE NORTH ON SUCH SURVEY LINE AND ALONG THE EAST  
33 BOUNDARIES OF YUMA AND LA PAZ COUNTIES TO THE POINT WHERE THE MERIDIAN  
34 LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE, AS  
35 SURVEYED, INTERSECTS THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED  
36 BY THE THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924; THENCE EAST ON THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL  
37 NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED, AND ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF YAVAPAI  
38 COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE THE HASSAYAMPA RIVER INTERSECTS SUCH PARALLEL;  
39 THENCE SOUTHEAST IN A DIRECT LINE FOLLOWING THE THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924 TO  
40 THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE WHERE INTERSECTS BORDER OF CITY  
41 OF PEORIA BOUNDARIES; THENCE EAST FOLLOWING THE BORDER OF THE CITY OF  
42 PEORIA AND SOUTH FOLLOWING THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PEORIA AND WEST  
43 ALONG NORTHERN AVENUE CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY  
44 OF EL MIRAGE, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE TO  
45 THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF SURPRISE TO THE NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY

1 OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE THENCE SOUTH FOLLOWING THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE  
2 CITY OF GOODYEAR TO THE THIRTY-THIRD PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE IN A DIRECT  
3 LINE TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION TO  
4 WHERE INTERSECTS BORDER OF PINAL COUNTY; THENCE SOUTH FOLLOWING THE BORDER  
5 OF PINAL COUNTY TO WHERE INTERSECTS THE BORDER OF PIMA COUNTY; THEN WEST  
6 FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BORDER OF PIMA COUNTY TO THE COMMENCEMENT POINT,  
7 WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

8 Sec. 3. Maricopa county division; procedures

9 A. Maricopa county shall continue full jurisdictional operation for  
10 Maricopa, Hohokam, Mogollon and O'odham counties until the election of the  
11 boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties.

12 B. The boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and  
13 O'odham counties shall be elected at a special election within one hundred  
14 twenty days after the effective date of this act. The supervisors shall  
15 be elected to staggered, abbreviated terms to serve until the next  
16 presidential election.

17 C. Currently elected Maricopa county supervisors will continue in  
18 their elected capacity for the remainder of their term. If a currently  
19 elected Maricopa county supervisor's supervisory district is located  
20 within Hohokam, Mogollon or O'odham counties, that supervisor will  
21 continue their currently elected term in the new county in which their  
22 supervisory district is located.

23 D. Control of existing special districts will be assumed by the  
24 county in which the special district is located. If a special district is  
25 located within more than one county, the counties shall enter into an  
26 intergovernmental agreement regarding control of the special district  
27 within one year after the election of the county board of supervisors.

28 E. The elected boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Mogollon and  
29 O'odham counties will determine an application process for municipalities  
30 to apply to be the county seat. The county seat shall be determined at a  
31 special election to take place not more than one hundred twenty days from  
32 the election of the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Mogollon and O'odham  
33 counties.

34 F. Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties may enter into  
35 a ten-year shared use agreement for the use of existing shared capital  
36 assets. The counties shall divide furniture, fixtures and equipment on a  
37 pro-rata basis based on the furniture, fixtures and equipment located in  
38 each county.

39 Sec. 4. Conforming legislation

40 The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed legislation  
41 conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the provisions of this act for  
42 consideration in the fifth-sixth legislature, first regular session.

43 Sec. 5. Effective date

44 This act is effective from and after December 31, 2022.