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AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

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

2 Section 1. County improvement district providing recreational
3 improvements; separate governance; board of
4 directors; powers and duties; records;
5 expiration; delayed repeal; definitions

6 A. The board of supervisors of a county with a county improvement
7 district providing recreational improvements may provide for the district
8 to be governed by a separately elected three-member or five-member board
9 of directors. After public notice and a hearing on the matter, if the
10 board of supervisors determines that separate governance would provide a
11 public benefit, the board of supervisors shall adopt a resolution that
12 specifies the public benefit and specifies the powers and duties of and
13 other provisions of this section that apply to the separately governed
14 district and that describes the boundaries of the district. The change in
15 governance is effective on adoption of the resolution and appointment of
16 the initial members of the board of directors. The board of supervisors
17 shall appoint the initial members of the board of directors and must
18 select them from among the qualified electors of the district. After the
19 initial directors are appointed by the board of supervisors, the
20 subsequent directors shall be elected by the qualified electors of the
21 district.

22 B. Immediately after the selection and qualification of the initial
23 directors of the board, the directors shall meet and divide themselves by
24 lot into two classes as nearly equal in number as possible. Directors of
25 the first class shall serve for a term of four years and directors of the
26 second class shall serve for a term of two years. Every director shall
27 continue to discharge the duties of office until a successor is appointed
28 and qualifies. Thereafter, at each regular election, one director for
29 each expired term shall be elected and shall hold office for a term of
30 four years, and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

31 C. If a vacancy on the district board occurs due to disability or
32 any other cause other than resignation, the board of directors of the
33 district shall appoint a qualified elector of the district to fill the
34 office for the remaining portion of that term. If there is a vacancy on
35 the district board due to resignation, the district board shall accept the
36 resignation and appoint a qualified elector to fill the remaining portion
37 of that term of office. If the district board lacks a quorum for any
38 reason for more than thirty days, the county board of supervisors may
39 revoke the authority of the appointed or elected board of directors
40 pursuant to subsection M of this section.

41 D. The board of directors shall annually elect a chairperson from
42 among its members.

43 E. If only one person files or no person files a nominating
44 petition for election to fill a position on the board of directors of the
45 district, the county board of supervisors, by resolution, may cancel the

1 election for that office and appoint the person who filed the nominating
2 petition to fill that position. If no person files a nominating petition
3 for an election to fill a district board office, the county board of
4 supervisors, by resolution, may cancel the election for those offices and
5 those offices are deemed vacant and shall be filled as otherwise provided
6 by law. A person who is appointed pursuant to this section is fully
7 vested with the powers and duties of the office as if elected to that
8 office.

9 F. On adoption of the resolution and appointment of the initial
10 members of the board of directors, the newly created board of directors
11 has the powers granted to a district pursuant to title 48, chapter 6,
12 article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes.

13 G. Additions to and alterations of the boundaries of the district
14 shall be made in the manner provided to establish the district, except
15 that notification shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation
16 within the district, petitions shall be filed with the district board and
17 all actions related to a proposed boundary change are the responsibility
18 of the district board.

19 H. On approval of any boundary change of the district, the district
20 board may order the successful petitioners to pay all of the costs of the
21 boundary change.

22 I. The board shall appoint a clerk and establish and make known an
23 office and mailing address for the clerk. The district shall keep the
24 following records that shall be open to public inspection:

- 25 1. Minutes of all meetings of the district board.
- 26 2. All resolutions.
- 27 3. Accounts showing all monies received and disbursed.
- 28 4. The annual budget.
- 29 5. All other records required to be maintained by law.

30 J. The board of directors shall comply with title 38, chapter 3,
31 article 3.1, Arizona Revised Statutes, as a separate political
32 subdivision, and the members of the board of directors are deemed public
33 officers for the purposes of and shall comply with title 38, chapter 3,
34 article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes.

35 K. If the district board of directors includes any initial members
36 who were appointed by the board of supervisors, the district board of
37 directors shall submit the district's budget annually to the board of
38 supervisors for approval. The board of supervisors has veto authority
39 over financial transactions submitted by the board of directors pursuant
40 to this subsection.

41 L. If the board of directors is elected, the board of supervisors
42 may review and comment but does not have veto authority over financial
43 transactions of the board of directors that is elected pursuant to this
44 section.

1 M. The board of supervisors of the county in which a county
2 recreation improvement district is located at any time may revoke the
3 authority of an elected board of directors in order to protect the
4 residents of the district. Any district in which the authority of an
5 elected board of directors is revoked pursuant to this section shall be
6 governed by the board of supervisors as provided by section 48-908,
7 Arizona Revised Statutes, and the board of supervisors shall have the
8 option of calling for new elections for the district board of directors.

9 N. Services provided by a county to a district are subject to
10 reimbursement pursuant to section 11-251.06, Arizona Revised Statutes.

11 O. Unless the county board of supervisors adopts a resolution and
12 appoints an initial board of directors of a district as prescribed in
13 subsection A of this section on or before December 31, 2025, the authority
14 for a county board of supervisors to provide for the separate governance
15 of a district expires.

16 P. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2025.

17 Q. For the purposes of this section:

18 1. "Board" means the district board of directors

19 2. "Clerk" means the person appointed by the board of directors to
20 act as the clerk for the district and to perform the duties otherwise
21 prescribed for a clerk pursuant to this chapter.

22 3. "District" or "county improvement district providing
23 recreational improvements" means a tax-levying county improvement district
24 that is formed pursuant to section 48-906, Arizona Revised Statutes, to
25 make improvements associated with lake recreation, such as boat docks,
26 beach and picnic areas, lake access, parking and paths, and to provide
27 personnel and equipment for the safe use and enjoyment of property for
28 members and their authorized guests.