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Introduced by
Representative Fillmore

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-469, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-469, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 15-469. Lapsing of school district; conditions; procedure;
5 disposition of property and monies
6 A. If ~~in~~ a ~~common~~ school district ~~there~~ has ~~been~~ HAD a student
7 count of less than ~~eight~~ ONE HUNDRED FIFTY pupils between the ages of six
8 and twenty-one years for one school year, the county school superintendent
9 may ~~suspend~~ RECOMMEND SUSPENSION OF the ~~common~~ school district and report
10 the RECOMMENDATION OF suspension and reasons to the ~~common~~ school district
11 and the COUNTY board of supervisors ~~at its next meeting~~. THE COUNTY BOARD
12 OF SUPERVISORS MAY DECLARE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT LAPSED AND ATTACH THE
13 TERRITORY OF THE LAPSED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ONE OR MORE ADJOINING SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS, DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE LAPSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND APPLY
15 THE PROCEEDS TO THE CREDIT OF THE LAPSED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE COUNTY
16 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DETERMINE ALL UNBONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE
17 LAPSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DRAW A WARRANT, ON PROPER VOUCHERS, ON THE
18 COUNTY TREASURER IN PAYMENT OF THE UNBONDED INDEBTEDNESS. ANY BALANCE
19 REMAINING AFTER SUCH A PAYMENT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY SCHOOL
20 FUND.
21 B. The county school superintendent may provide the ~~common~~ school
22 district additional time to recruit more pupils. If the ~~common~~ school
23 district has a student count of less than ~~eight~~ ONE HUNDRED FIFTY pupils
24 at the end of the additional time, the COUNTY board of supervisors may
25 declare the ~~common~~ school district lapsed ~~and attach the territory to one~~
26 ~~or more of the adjoining school districts, dispose of the property of the~~
27 ~~lapsed common school district and apply the proceeds to the credit of the~~
28 ~~lapsed common school district. The county school superintendent shall~~
29 ~~determine all unbonded indebtedness of the lapsed common school district~~
30 ~~and draw his warrant, on proper vouchers, on the county treasurer in~~
31 ~~payment of the unbonded indebtedness. Any balance remaining after such a~~
32 ~~payment shall be transferred to the county school fund~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH
33 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.