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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENACTING AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF A MEASURE RELATING
TO LOCATION OF COUNTIES.

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1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
2 the Senate concurring:

3 1. Under the power of the referendum, as vested in the Legislature,
4 the following measure, relating to location of counties, is enacted to
5 become valid as a law if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
6 Governor:

7 AN ACT

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

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

13 Section 1. Section 11-109, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read:

15 11-109. Maricopa county

16 Maricopa county, the county seat of which is Phoenix, is
17 bounded as follows:

18 ~~Commencing at a point where the meridian line one~~
19 ~~hundred thirteen degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as~~
20 ~~defined by the Atwood survey of 1918, intersects the second~~
21 ~~standard parallel south, being the northwest corner of Pima~~
22 ~~county; thence north on such survey line and along the east~~
23 ~~boundaries of Yuma and La Paz counties to the point where the~~
24 ~~meridian line one hundred thirteen degrees twenty minutes west~~
25 ~~longitude, as surveyed, intersects the thirty-fourth parallel~~
26 ~~north latitude, as defined by the Thompson survey of 1924;~~
27 ~~thence east on the thirty-fourth parallel north latitude, as~~
28 ~~defined, and along the southern boundary of Yavapai county to~~
29 ~~the point where the Hassayampa river intersects such parallel;~~
30 ~~thence southeast in a direct line following the Thompson~~
31 ~~survey of 1924 to a point in the Agua Fria river two miles~~
32 ~~southerly and below the mouth of Humbug creek; thence~~
33 ~~northerly up the Agua Fria river to a point two miles~~
34 ~~southerly and below the place where the residence of J. W.~~
35 ~~Swilling stood on January 31, 1877; thence easterly in a~~
36 ~~direct line following the Thompson survey of 1924 to the point~~
37 ~~where the thirty-fourth parallel north latitude, as defined by~~
38 ~~such survey, intersects the Verde river; thence east on such~~
39 ~~parallel to the point where the parallel as surveyed~~
40 ~~intersects the summit of the Mazatzal range of mountains;~~
41 ~~thence southerly along the summit of the Mazatzal range of~~
42 ~~mountains to the point where such range of mountains~~
43 ~~intersects the centerline of the Salt river; thence easterly~~
44 ~~up the Salt river to the mouth of Tonto creek; thence~~
45 ~~southerly in a direct line toward a mountain known as the~~

1 ~~"Water Shed," and along the western boundary of Gila county to~~
2 ~~the point where such line and boundary intersects the north~~
3 ~~line of township one north; thence west on the north line of~~
4 ~~township one north and along the northern boundary of Pinal~~
5 ~~county to the point where such line intersects the eastern~~
6 ~~line of range seven east; thence south on the eastern line of~~
7 ~~range seven east to the point where such line intersects the~~
8 ~~southern line of township two south; thence west on such line~~
9 ~~to the point where such line intersects the Gila river; thence~~
10 ~~northerly and westerly down the Gila river to the point where~~
11 ~~the river intersects the eastern line of range one east, being~~
12 ~~the northwest corner of Pinal county; thence south on such~~
13 ~~line to the point where such line intersects the second~~
14 ~~standard parallel south, being the southwest corner of Pinal~~
15 ~~county; thence west on such parallel to the point where it~~
16 ~~intersects the meridian line one hundred thirteen degrees~~
17 ~~twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey~~
18 ~~of 1918, being the place of beginning. COMMENCING AT THE~~
19 ~~NORTHWESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE AT 75TH AVENUE AND~~
20 ~~PINNACLE PEAK ROAD, THENCE EAST ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY~~
21 ~~OF GLENDALE; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF~~
22 ~~GLENDALE TO THE POINT WHERE THE BOUNDARY INTERSECTS~~
23 ~~THUNDERBIRD ROAD; THENCE EAST ALONG THUNDERBIRD ROAD TO THE~~
24 ~~POINT WHERE THUNDERBIRD ROAD INTERSECTS CAVE CREEK ROAD;~~
25 ~~THENCE EAST FOLLOWING ALONG CACTUS ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE~~
26 ~~CACTUS ROAD INTERSECTS TATUM BOULEVARD; THENCE SOUTH ALONG~~
27 ~~TATUM BOULEVARD TO THE NORTHWEST BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF~~
28 ~~PARADISE VALLEY; THENCE SOUTH FOLLOWING THE BOUNDARY OF THE~~
29 ~~CITY OF PHOENIX TO THE POINT WHERE THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF~~
30 ~~PHOENIX INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TEMPE ON~~
31 ~~MCDOWELL ROAD, THENCE SOUTH AND THENCE EAST FOLLOWING THE~~
32 ~~BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TEMPE CONTINUING TO THE POINT WHERE~~
33 ~~THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TEMPE INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY OF~~
34 ~~THE CITY OF PHOENIX; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF~~
35 ~~THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF~~
36 ~~THE CITY OF CHANDLER; THENCE SOUTH TO WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE~~
37 ~~MERIDIAN LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST~~
38 ~~LONGITUDE; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PINAL~~
39 ~~COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE EASTERN~~
40 ~~LINE OF RANGE SEVEN EAST; THENCE SOUTH ON THE EASTERN LINE OF~~
41 ~~RANGE SEVEN EAST TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE~~
42 ~~SOUTHERN LINE OF TOWNSHIP TWO SOUTH; THENCE WEST ON SUCH LINE~~
43 ~~TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE GILA RIVER; THENCE~~
44 ~~NORTHERLY AND WESTERLY DOWN THE GILA RIVER TO THE POINT WHERE~~
45 ~~THE RIVER INTERSECTS THE EASTERN LINE OF RANGE ONE EAST, BEING~~

1 THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PINAL COUNTY; THENCE SOUTH TO THE
2 THIRTY-THIRD PARALLEL FOLLOWING A DIRECT LINE ALONG THE
3 SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION; THENCE
4 NORTH ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR;
5 THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF
6 AVONDALE TO WHERE INTERSECTS THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF
7 GLENDALE; THENCE FOLLOWING THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF
8 GLENDALE TO THE NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE,
9 WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

10 Sec. 2. Title 11, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
11 Statutes, is amended by adding sections 11-118, 11-119 and
12 11-120, to read:

13 11-118. Hohokam county

14 HOHOKAM COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

15 SOUTH ON THE NORTHWESTERN POINT WHERE GILA COUNTY TO THE
16 POINT WHERE SUCH LINE INTERSECTS THE SECOND STANDARD PARALLEL
17 SOUTH, BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PINAL COUNTY; THENCE WEST
18 ON SUCH PARALLEL TO THE POINT WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE MERIDIAN
19 LINE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY MINUTES WEST
20 LONGITUDE TO THE WESTERN BORDER OF SUN LAKES AT PRICE ROAD;
21 THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER;
22 THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER;
23 THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER;
24 THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER;
25 THENCE NORTH ALONG THE BORDER OF THE CITY OF MESA CONTINUING
26 TO THE NORTHWESTERN POINT WHERE GILA COUNTY INTERSECTS, WHICH
27 IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

28 11-119. Mogollon county

29 MOGOLLON COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

30 COMMENCING AT THE AGUA FRIA RIVER TWO MILES SOUTHERLY
31 AND BELOW THE MOUTH OF HUMBUG CREEK; THENCE NORTHERLY UP THE
32 AGUA FRIA RIVER TO A POINT TWO MILES SOUTHERLY AND BELOW THE
33 PLACE WHERE THE RESIDENCE OF J. W. SWILLING STOOD ON JANUARY
34 31, 1877; THENCE EASTERLY IN A DIRECT LINE FOLLOWING THE
35 THOMPSON SURVEY OF 1924 TO THE POINT WHERE THE THIRTY-FOURTH
36 PARALLEL NORTH LATITUDE, AS DEFINED BY SUCH SURVEY, INTERSECTS
37 THE VERDE RIVER; THENCE EAST ON SUCH PARALLEL TO THE POINT
38 WHERE THE PARALLEL AS SURVEYED INTERSECTS THE SUMMIT OF THE
39 MAZATZAL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SUMMIT
40 OF THE MAZATZAL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH
41 RANGE OF MOUNTAINS INTERSECTS THE CENTERLINE OF THE SALT
42 RIVER; THENCE EASTERLY UP THE SALT RIVER TO THE MOUTH OF TONTO
43 CREEK; THENCE SOUTHERLY IN A DIRECT LINE TOWARD A MOUNTAIN
44 KNOWN AS THE "WATER SHED" AND ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF
45 GILA COUNTY TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH LINE AND BOUNDARY

1 INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF TOWNSHIP ONE NORTH; THENCE WEST
2 FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF MESA TO THE
3 SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN
4 RESERVATION TO THE BORDER OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TO THE
5 SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY CONTINUING
6 NORTHWARD TO THE NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE
7 VALLEY AT SHEA BOULEVARD AND TATUM BOULEVARD; THENCE NORTH
8 FOLLOWING TATUM BOULEVARD TO CACTUS ROAD; THENCE WEST
9 FOLLOWING CACTUS ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE CACTUS ROAD
10 INTERSECTS CAVE CREEK ROAD; THENCE WEST FOLLOWING THUNDERBIRD
11 ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE THUNDERBIRD ROAD INTERSECTS THE
12 BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE NORTH FOLLOWING THE
13 EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE; THENCE NORTH
14 FOLLOWING THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX; THENCE
15 WEST FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BORDER OF THE CITY OF PEORIA TO
16 THE POINT ON THE AGUA FRIA RIVER, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF
17 BEGINNING.

18 11-120. O'odham county

19 O'ODHAM COUNTY IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

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

1 WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE BORDER OF PIMA COUNTY; THEN WEST
2 FOLLOWING THE NORTHERN BORDER OF PIMA COUNTY TO THE
3 COMMENCEMENT POINT, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

4 Sec. 3. Maricopa county division; procedures

5 A. Maricopa county operations shall continue in their
6 existing form through a transition period of not more than
7 three years after the effective date of this act. On the
8 election of the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa,
9 Mogollon and O'odham counties, the existing Maricopa county
10 operations shall continue under the supervision of the
11 intercounty oversight and accountability board for the
12 duration of the transition period. The current Maricopa
13 county board of supervisors shall retain authority over the
14 operation of Maricopa county during the transition period
15 until the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon
16 and O'odham counties are sworn into office. The swearing in
17 shall take place not later than June 15, 2024.

18 B. The boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa,
19 Mogollon and O'odham counties shall be elected at a special
20 election within one hundred twenty days after the effective
21 date of this act. The supervisors shall be elected to
22 staggered, abbreviated terms to serve until the next
23 presidential election. Supervisors shall be elected at large
24 for their initial terms and shall be elected by supervisorial
25 district at subsequent elections. The board of supervisors
26 shall approve supervisorial districts within one hundred
27 eighty days after being sworn in.

28 C. Currently elected Maricopa county supervisors will
29 continue in their elected capacities for the remainder of
30 their terms. If a currently elected Maricopa county
31 supervisor's supervisory district is located within Hohokam,
32 Mogollon or O'odham counties, that supervisor will continue
33 the supervisor's currently elected term in the new county in
34 which the supervisory district is located.

35 D. The chairperson of each county's board of
36 supervisors shall serve on an intercounty oversight and
37 accountability board during the three-year transition period.
38 The board shall make intercounty decisions and enter into
39 mutually beneficial shared use or intergovernmental agreements
40 for the continuation of services for Hohokam, Maricopa,
41 Mogollon and O'odham counties. The board will terminate at
42 the end of the transition period. The board may be continued
43 if approved by a majority of the boards of supervisors of
44 Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties.

1 E. Control of existing special districts will be
2 assumed by the county in which the special district is
3 located. If a special district is located within more than
4 one county, the counties shall enter into an intergovernmental
5 agreement regarding control of the special district within one
6 year after the election of the county board of supervisors.

7 F. The elected boards of supervisors in Hohokam,
8 Mogollon and O'odham counties will determine an application
9 process for municipalities to apply to be the county seat.
10 The county seat shall be determined at a special election to
11 take place not more than one hundred twenty days after the
12 election of the boards of supervisors in Hohokam, Mogollon and
13 O'odham counties.

14 G. Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties may
15 enter into a ten-year shared use agreement for the use of
16 existing shared capital assets. The counties shall divide
17 furniture, fixtures and equipment on a pro-rata basis based on
18 the furniture, fixtures and equipment located in each county.

19 H. The election of unfilled elected county seats in
20 Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties shall take
21 place at the same time as the election of the boards of
22 supervisors in Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham
23 counties. Current elected officials shall finish their
24 current terms in the county in which they reside.

25 I. Hohokam, Maricopa, Mogollon and O'odham counties
26 shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the
27 continued operation of community colleges for a period of not
28 less than ten years after the effective date of this act.

29 Sec. 4. Conforming legislation

30 The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed
31 legislation conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the
32 provisions of this act for consideration in the fifty-seventh
33 legislature, first regular session.

34 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to
35 the voters at the next general election as provided by article IV,
36 part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona.