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Introduced by
Senator Finchem

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-6532 AND 42-5033, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO SPECIAL CENSUSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 28-6532, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-6532. Population determination; decennial or special
5 census; population estimates

6 A. Except as provided by section 42-5033.01, the population as
7 shown by the decennial census as certified by the United States bureau of
8 the census shall be used as the basis for the apportionment of monies
9 pursuant to this article on July 1 in the year after the decennial census.

10 B. During the fifth year after the decennial census, **THIS STATE MAY**
11 **CONDUCT A SPECIAL CENSUS OF THE POPULATION OF THIS STATE AND** a county,
12 city or town may request the United States bureau of the census to take a
13 special census of the population of the county, city or town. The results
14 of the special census shall be certified to the state treasurer and shall
15 be used on July 1 in the year after the special census as the basis for
16 the apportionment of monies pursuant to this article, except that a city
17 or town may elect to use either the results of the special census or the
18 most recent population estimates from the United States bureau of the
19 census as provided under section 42-5033.01. A city or town may use the
20 results of the special census for only one year, and beginning on July 1
21 in the second year after the special census, the city or town shall use
22 the most recent population estimates from the United States bureau of the
23 census as provided under section 42-5033.01 as the basis for the
24 apportionment of monies pursuant to this article.

25 C. Notwithstanding any other law, a city or town that is initially
26 incorporated after the decennial census or July 1 of the fifth year after
27 the decennial census and that has caused a special census of the
28 population within the city or town limits to be taken by the United States
29 bureau of the census may cause the result of the special census to be
30 certified to the state treasurer. Beginning on July 1 after the
31 completion of the special census, the results of the special census or the
32 most recent population estimates from the United States bureau of the
33 census may be used as the basis of the apportionment of monies pursuant to
34 this article in determining the amount payable to the city or town. A
35 city or town may use the results of the special census for only one year,
36 and beginning on July 1 in the second year after the special census, the
37 city or town shall use the most recent population estimates from the
38 United States bureau of the census as provided under section 42-5033.01 as
39 the basis for the apportionment of monies pursuant to this article.

40 D. A county may request and utilize a special census for the
41 purposes of subsection B of this section even if one or more incorporated
42 cities or towns in the county do not request a special census. The county
43 special census shall include only those persons residing in unincorporated
44 areas of the county.

1 Sec. 2. Section 42-5033, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 42-5033. Special census

4 A. During the fifth year following the decennial census, THIS STATE
5 MAY CONDUCT A SPECIAL CENSUS OF THE POPULATION OF THIS STATE AND a county,
6 city or town may cause to be taken by the United States bureau of the
7 census a special census of the population of the county, city or town.
8 The results of the special census ~~may~~ SHALL be certified ~~by~~ TO the
9 ~~director~~ STATE TREASURER. Beginning July 1 in the sixth year following
10 the decennial census, the CERTIFIED special census plus any revisions to
11 the CERTIFIED special census ~~certified by the United States bureau of the~~
12 ~~census~~ shall be used as the basis of apportionment of the taxes under
13 section 42-5029, subsection D until the next federal decennial census,
14 except that a city or town may elect to use either the results of the
15 special census or the most recent population estimates from the United
16 States bureau of the census as provided under section 42-5033.01. A city
17 or town may use the results of the special census for only one year, and
18 beginning on July 1 in the second year after the special census, the city
19 or town shall use the most recent population estimates from the United
20 States bureau of the census as provided under section 42-5033.01 as the
21 basis for the apportionment of monies pursuant to this article.

22 B. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of section 42-5029, any
23 municipality that is initially incorporated subsequent to the decennial
24 census or July 1 of the fifth year thereafter and that has caused a
25 special census of the population within the municipal limits to be taken
26 by the United States census bureau may cause the result of such special
27 census to be certified to the director. Commencing on July 1 following
28 the completion of such a special census, the city or town may use the
29 results of the special census or the most recent population estimates from
30 the United States bureau of the census as the basis of apportionment of
31 the taxes collected under this article in determining the amount payable
32 to that municipality as provided under section 28-6532. The city or town
33 may use the results of the special census for only one year, and beginning
34 on July 1 in the second year after the special census, the city or town
35 shall use the most recent population estimates from the United States
36 bureau of the census as provided under section 42-5033.01 as the basis for
37 the apportionment of monies pursuant to this article.

