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Secretary of State**

CHAPTER 101

HOUSE BILL 2549

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS.

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

2 Section 1. Joint legislative study committee on flood control
3 districts; purpose; report

4 A. The legislature finds that the provision of flood control and storm
5 water drainage protection to communities in this state is an essential
6 governmental function. The threat to lives and property from flooding was
7 recognized by this legislature in the past and county and local flood control
8 districts were authorized by statute. During recent years, the reduction in
9 county flood control district funding has raised questions about county
10 districts' ability to meet their statutory responsibilities. It is the
11 intent of the legislature that no reduction occur in the tax rate of the
12 county flood control districts during the term of the study committee's
13 examination of the issues prescribed by this act.

14 B. A joint legislative study committee on flood control districts is
15 established. The committee consists of the following persons:

16 1. Three members of the house of representatives appointed by the
17 speaker of the house, no more than two of whom are members of the majority
18 party in the house of representatives

19 2. Three members of the senate appointed by the president of the
20 senate, no more than two of whom are members of the majority party in the
21 senate.

1 C. The committee shall convene and receive testimony and other
2 information relating to the comparative advantages and disadvantages of
3 countywide flood control districts and municipal flood control districts,
4 including testimony and information from the following persons or their
5 designees:

- 6 1. The director of water resources.
- 7 2. The manager of the Phoenix planning section, U.S. army corps of
8 engineers.
- 9 3. The state conservation engineer, natural resource conservation
10 service, Phoenix.
- 11 4. Current and past chief engineers and general managers of county
12 flood control districts.
- 13 5. Elected officials, public works directors or city engineers from
14 five cities in this state.

15 D. The committee shall consider at least the following issues:

- 16 1. National trends in watershed management solutions for floodwater
17 and storm water drainage problems.
- 18 2. Legislative intent regarding projects anticipated under adoption
19 of county flood control district statutes.
- 20 3. Interaction of the national flood insurance program and the
21 community rating system and municipal and county involvement in those
22 programs.
- 23 4. Effect on tax revenues if municipal flood control districts replace
24 portions of a county flood control district including consideration of the
25 likelihood of funding disparities similar to current school finance problems.
- 26 5. Maintenance of high levels of technical expertise across
27 jurisdictional boundaries.
- 28 6. Effect on comprehensive emergency management programs if municipal
29 flood control districts are authorized.
- 30 7. Effect on environmental issues related to floodwater and storm
31 water management.
- 32 8. Ability of various entities to attract and maintain federal project
33 monies.

34 E. The committee shall submit its report and recommendations on the
35 best type of organization for solving floodwater and storm water problems in
36 this state to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and
37 the president of the senate by December 1, 1996.

38 Sec. 2. Repeal

39 Section 1 of this act is repealed on February 1, 1997.

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