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CHAPTER 104

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KEN BENNETT
SECRETARY OF STATE

SENATE BILL 1282

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON COUNTYWIDE FIRE DISTRICTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Study committee on countywide fire districts;
3 membership; duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The study committee on countywide fire districts is established
5 consisting of the following members:

6 1. One member of the senate who is appointed by the president of the
7 senate and who shall serve as co-chairperson of the committee.

8 2. One member of the house of representatives who is appointed by the
9 speaker of the house of representatives and who shall serve as co-chairperson
10 of the committee.

11 3. One representative of a tax research organization in this state,
12 who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

13 4. One representative of a statewide association of fire districts,
14 who is appointed by the president of the senate.

15 5. One member of the county board of supervisors or the board's
16 designee from a county with a population of at least one hundred thousand
17 persons and not more than one hundred twenty thousand persons, who is
18 appointed by the president of the senate.

19 6. Two members of the public who pay taxes to a fire district, one
20 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one appointed by
21 the president of the senate.

22 B. The study committee shall research and report on the following:

23 1. The background and history of fire districts in this state,
24 including their tax structure, governance and relationship to other political
25 subdivisions, including the role of counties in overseeing fire districts.

26 2. Reports of financial or operational mismanagement by fire
27 districts, as well as unethical or unprofessional conduct by fire district
28 board members or employees.

29 3. Potential remedies to prevent fire district mismanagement and
30 unethical or unprofessional conduct by fire district board members and
31 employees.

32 4. The efficacy of fire districts in providing fire and emergency
33 service.

34 5. The viability of alternative models of providing fire and emergency
35 services to unincorporated areas not served by municipal fire departments,
36 including the elimination of fire districts and the creation of countywide
37 fire districts administered by a county board of supervisors.

38 6. The most efficient and cost-effective mechanism for the provision
39 of fire and emergency services to unincorporated areas or areas not served by
40 a municipal fire department.

41 C. The study committee may:

42 1. Request information, data and reports from any state agency or
43 political subdivision of this state.

44 2. Hold hearings and take testimony from members of the public.

1 D. The study committee shall submit a report regarding the committee's
2 findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2013 to the governor,
3 the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives
4 and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

5 E. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2014.

6 Sec. 2. Emergency

7 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
8 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
9 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 11, 2013.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 11, 2013.

Passed the House April 9, 2013,

Passed the Senate March 4, 2013

by the following vote: 42 Ayes,

by the following vote: 20 Ayes,

16 Nays, 2 Not Voting
with Emergency

8 Nays, 2 Not Voting
with Emergency

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Charmain Bellinger
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

10 day of April, 2013,

at 12:05 o'clock P M.

Michaëla Howard
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 11th day of

April, 2013,

at 12:19 o'clock P M.

Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 11th day of April, 2013,

at 4:34 o'clock P M.

Tyler Blumett
Secretary of State

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