



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
Fiftieth Legislature, Second Regular Session

FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2807

redistricting commission; open meeting law

Purpose

Expands the definition of *public body* to include all commissions and other public entities established by the Arizona Constitution or by way of ballot initiative.

Background

The open meeting law (OML) states that all meetings of any public body shall be public meetings and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings. All legal action of public bodies shall occur during a public meeting.

All public bodies shall provide for the taking of written minutes or a recording of all their meetings, including executive sessions. For meetings other than executive sessions, such minutes or recording shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) the date, time and place of the meeting,
- b) the members of the public body recorded as either present or absent,
- c) a general description of the matters considered, and
- d) an accurate description of all legal actions proposed, discussed or taken, and the names of members who propose each motion. The minutes shall also include the names of the persons, as given, making statements or presenting material to the public body and a reference to the legal action about which they made statements or presented material (A.R.S. § 38-431.01).

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Asserts that a public body includes all commissions and other public entities established by the Arizona Constitution or by way of ballot initiative, including the Independent Redistricting Commission.
2. Acknowledges that some specific provisions in the Arizona Constitution supersede the OML.
3. Contains a legislative intent clause.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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House Action

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