



## ARIZONA STATE SENATE

### *Fiftieth Legislature, Second Regular Session*

#### FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1080

##### grand jury; length of term

##### Purpose

Increases the term a grand jury in a county with a population less than 200,000 may serve from 120 days to 180 days.

##### Background

In a county with a population of 200,000 or more, a grand jury is called every four months of each year by the presiding judge of the superior court. Each grand jury sits until a new grand jury has been impaneled to replace it or until its term expires (A.R.S. § 21-402, subsection A). In a county with a population of less than 200,000, the presiding judge of the superior court may call a grand jury if, in the judge's sole discretion, the judge determines the public interest requires a grand jury, or on petition of the county attorney (A.R.S. § 21-402, subsection B). Grand juries called at the county level serve for a term designated by the presiding judge of the superior court and may not exceed 120 days, with certain exceptions (A.R.S. § 21-403).

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the following counties have a population less than 200,000: Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Navajo, Santa Cruz, and Yuma.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund.

##### Provisions

1. Increases the term a grand jury in a county with a population less than 200,000 may serve from 120 days to 180 days.
2. Makes technical changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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