



ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1127

agricultural employment relations board; continuation

Purpose

Continues the Arizona Agricultural Employment Relations Board for eight years.

Background

According to the Arizona Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural Employment Relations Board (AERB) was established in 1993 to provide a means for collective bargaining that is fair and equitable for agricultural employers, labor organizations and employees. The AERB hears and investigates grievances of unfair labor practices in the agriculture industry and may assign legally binding corrective measures. Moreover, the AERB provides orderly election procedures to resolve questions concerning representation of agricultural employees and to declare that certain acts are unfair labor practices subject to control by the police power of this state (A.R.S. § 23-1381).

The AERB is comprised of seven members appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. Two members represent agriculture employers, two represent organized agricultural labor and three represent the general public. Additionally, two alternate members are appointed to serve if a member is absent. One alternate represents organized agricultural labor and the other represents agriculture employers.

The Senate Commerce and Energy and House Agriculture and Water Committee of Reference met on November 29, 2012 and recommended that the AERB be continued for eight years.

According to the FY 2012 Joint Legislative Budget Committee Appropriations Report, the AERB received \$23,300 from the state General Fund.

Provisions

1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2013, the AERB until July 1, 2021.
2. Repeals the AERB on January 1, 2022.
3. Contains a purpose statement.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a retroactive provision as noted.