



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1482

IRC; supplemental appropriation

Purpose

Appropriates \$635,226 from the state General Fund in FY 2013 to the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC), and allows the IRC to use its FY 2014 appropriation to pay obligations incurred in FY 2013.

Background

Proposition 106, approved by voters in November 2000, established the IRC. The IRC consists of five members, four of which are selected by the House and Senate majority and minority leadership. These four members then select the final member, who cannot be affiliated with either of the two major political parties. The IRC is charged with redrawing the boundaries for Arizona's legislative and congressional districts based on the ten-year census.

The IRC had requested a FY 2013 supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$2,269,700. The IRC has based this funding request on several estimated costs:

- a) litigation expenses in the case of *Harris v. Independent Redistricting Commission*, which is a lawsuit relating to the population counts of the state's legislative districts. This case has a scheduled trial date of March 25, 2013. The IRC estimates this cost at \$1,361,700 based on average litigation costs per lawsuit from the previous 2000 IRC;
- b) potential costs of redrawing the legislative maps if the plaintiffs prevail in the *Harris* case. IRC estimates that the remapping would cost \$811,300. This estimate is based on the cost of a remapping a decade ago and adding a 25% inflation factor; and
- c) unanticipated expenses of \$500,000. IRC had previously built a \$500,000 legal services contingency amount into their original FY 2013 budget.

Laws 2013, Chapter 2, passed earlier this session, appropriated \$500,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2013 to the IRC for the payment of legal services.

Provisions

1. Appropriates \$635,226 from the state General Fund in FY 2013 to the IRC, in addition to any other monies appropriated in FY 2013.
2. Allows the IRC to use its FY 2014 appropriation to pay obligations incurred in FY 2013.

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3. Becomes effective on signature of the Governor.

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