



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-First Legislature, Second Regular Session*

FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2135

Military affairs commission; continuation

Purpose

Continues the Military Affairs Commission (MAC) for eight years.

Background

The MAC is a 19 member commission, with 13 voting members appointed by the Governor, one voting member appointed by the President of the Senate, one voting member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four non-voting advisory members. Voting members serve six-year terms. The MAC must meet at least annually, and meet on a regular basis with the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, either individually or collectively, to provide recommendations on military issues, report on the progress of the MAC and meet with the appropriate legislative committees that have jurisdiction over military installations.

The MAC must advise the Governor and the Legislature on matters affecting the operational viability of Arizona military facilities including military installations, military training routes, military restricted airspace, military ranges or areas under the jurisdiction of an active unit of the uniformed armed services of the United States or any reserve or National Guard component of the uniformed armed services of the United States.

The MAC oversees the Military Installation Fund (Fund). To that end, the MAC is charged with developing criteria, including accountability requirements, for awarding monies from the Fund, reviewing applications for monies to be awarded from the Fund, recommending to the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) a priority listing of monies with available resources, and to recommend to DEMA how the monies in the Fund should be awarded. The Fund allocates monies in order to acquire private property, real estate, rights to real estate, property management, and infrastructure that is vital to the preservation of a military installation.

The Committee of Reference, composed of members from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Energy and Military and the House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs, recommended on October 29, 2013, that the Commission be continued for an additional eight years.

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

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Provisions

1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2014, the MAC until July 1, 2022.
2. Repeals the MAC on January 1, 2023.
3. Contains a purpose statement.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a retroactive provision as noted.

House Action

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