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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 12-119.04; RELATING TO THE SUPREME COURT.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 12-119.04, to read:

4 12-119.04. Evaluation of superior court commissioners

5 A. THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ADOPT AND ADMINISTER FOR ALL SUPERIOR COURT
6 COMMISSIONERS A PROCESS, ESTABLISHED BY COURT RULES, FOR EVALUATING SUPERIOR
7 COURT COMMISSIONER PERFORMANCE. THE RULES SHALL INCLUDE WRITTEN PERFORMANCE
8 STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE REVIEWS THAT SURVEY OPINIONS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE
9 KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S PERFORMANCE.

10 B. THE PUBLIC SHALL BE AFFORDED A FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR
11 PARTICIPATION IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS THROUGH PUBLIC HEARINGS,
12 DISSEMINATION OF EVALUATION REPORTS AND ANY OTHER METHODS AS THE COURT DEEMS
13 ADVISABLE. THE SUPREME COURT SHALL PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN CURRENT AND PREVIOUS
14 EVALUATION REPORTS ON ITS WEBSITE.