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## **SB 1432**

Introduced by  
Senators Johnson, Gray C

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 12-131; RELATING TO THE SUPERIOR 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 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 12-131, to read:

4 12-131. Citizen initiatives; jurisdiction

5 A. ANY ACTION CHALLENGING A SUBSTANTIVE PROVISION OF OR THE  
6 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AN INITIATIVE MEASURE THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS PROCLAIMED  
7 TO BE LAW SHALL BE HEARD BY A PANEL OF THREE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES TO BE  
8 SELECTED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE COURT.

9 B. THE THREE JUDGE PANEL SHALL HEAR AND DETERMINE THE MATTER AND  
10 RENDER A DECISION. A UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE THREE JUDGES IS NECESSARY TO  
11 FIND THE INITIATIVE MEASURE INVALID.

12 C. THE SUPERIOR COURT IN MARICOPA COUNTY HAS JURISDICTION OF ACTIONS  
13 RELATING TO INITIATIVE MEASURES THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE  
14 STATE AT LARGE. WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS RELATING TO LOCAL AND SPECIAL  
15 MEASURES, THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE COUNTY, OR IN ONE OF THE COUNTIES, IN  
16 WHICH THE MEASURES ARE TO BE VOTED ON HAS JURISDICTION.