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AN ACT

PRESCRIBING UNIFICATION AND CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PLACED INTO RECEIVERSHIP.

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

2 Section 1. School districts previously placed in receivership:
3 unification and consolidation

4 A. A school district that was placed into receivership by the state
5 board of education before December 31, 2007 may conduct an election in May or
6 June of 2008 to submit to the qualified electors the question of unification
7 or consolidation of the school district with another school district.
8 Notwithstanding sections 15-448 and 15-459, Arizona Revised Statutes, in an
9 election conducted pursuant to this section:

10 1. The school districts involved are not required to have coterminous
11 or overlapping boundaries.

12 2. The governing board of each school district that is not under
13 receivership shall approve the proposed unification or consolidation by
14 resolution. Certification of the approval by the governing board shall be
15 submitted to the county school superintendent of the county or counties in
16 which the school district is located.

17 3. The receiver of the school district that was placed into
18 receivership is not required to obtain approval from the governing board of
19 that school district before unification or consolidation.

20 B. School districts that unify or consolidate pursuant to this section
21 shall not receive consolidation assistance pursuant to section 15-912,
22 Arizona Revised Statutes, or unification assistance pursuant to section
23 15-912.01, Arizona Revised Statutes.

24 C. If a common school district unifies or consolidates pursuant to
25 this section, any high school pupils that reside within the former boundaries
26 of the common school district may enroll in any school district that provides
27 instruction to high school pupils for the next four academic years after the
28 election in which the qualified electors approved the unification or
29 consolidation if the school district of attendance allows enrollment of
30 nonresident pupils.