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Representative Nelson

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 26-344, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EMERGENCY
PLANNING.

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

2 Section 1. Section 26-344, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 26-344. Emergency planning districts; local emergency planning
5 committees

6 A. The commission shall designate emergency planning districts to
7 facilitate preparing and implementing district emergency plans. If
8 appropriate, the commission may designate cities, towns, counties or
9 multi-jurisdictional planning organizations as such districts. The
10 commission may also enter into intergovernmental agreements with other states
11 or political subdivisions of other states to establish multi-jurisdictional
12 planning districts. The commission may revise its designation of emergency
13 planning districts as necessary.

14 B. The commission, after designating emergency planning districts,
15 shall appoint members of a local emergency planning committee for each
16 emergency planning district. The governmental entity for the city, town,
17 county or multi-jurisdictional planning organization encompassing the
18 district shall provide administrative support for the local emergency
19 planning committee and shall nominate persons for initial appointment to the
20 committee. On establishment of the committee, the committee chairman on a
21 majority vote of the committee may nominate subsequent committee
22 members. Each committee shall include, at a minimum, representatives from
23 each of the following groups or organizations:

- 24 1. Elected state and local officials.
- 25 2. Law enforcement, civil defense, fire fighting, first aid, health,
26 local environmental, hospital and transportation personnel.
- 27 3. Broadcast ~~and~~ OR print media.
- 28 4. Community groups.
- 29 5. Owners ~~and~~ OR operators of facilities subject to the requirements
30 of this article.

31 C. The committee shall appoint a chairman and shall adopt procedural
32 rules by which the committee shall function including the requirements set
33 forth in section 301 of title III.

34 D. The commission, as it deems appropriate, may modify its
35 designations of emergency planning districts or its appointments to the
36 emergency planning committees. Members of the public may petition the
37 commission to modify the membership of a local emergency planning committee.