

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2372

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-469, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 15-469, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 15-469. Lapsing of common school districts and transportation  
5 school districts; conditions; procedure; disposition  
6 of property of lapsed school district; definition  
7 A. If in a common school district there has been a student count of  
8 less than eight pupils between the ages of six and twenty-one years for three  
9 months during the school year, the county school superintendent may at once  
10 suspend the common school district and report the suspension and reasons to  
11 the board of supervisors at its next meeting. THE COUNTY SCHOOL  
12 SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PREPARE A BALLOT QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON BY THE  
13 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE  
14 ELECTION DATE ALLOWED BY LAW TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO LAPSE THE COMMON SCHOOL  
15 DISTRICT AND ATTACH THE TERRITORY TO ONE OR MORE ADJOINING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.  
16 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE ELECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED  
17 IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-459.  
18 B. IF IN A TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL DISTRICT THERE HAS BEEN A STUDENT  
19 COUNT OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED PUPILS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND TWENTY-ONE  
20 YEARS FOR THREE MONTHS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE COUNTY SCHOOL  
21 SUPERINTENDENT MAY AT ONCE SUSPEND THE TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
22 REPORT THE SUSPENSION AND REASONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT ITS NEXT  
23 MEETING. THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PREPARE A BALLOT QUESTION TO  
24 BE VOTED ON BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AT THE  
25 NEXT AVAILABLE ELECTION DATE ALLOWED BY LAW TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO LAPSE THE  
26 TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ATTACH THE TERRITORY TO ONE OR MORE  
27 ADJOINING SCHOOL DISTRICTS. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION,  
28 THE ELECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-459.  
29 ~~B-~~ C. SUBJECT TO AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN THE  
30 COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL DISTRICT, the board of  
31 supervisors ~~may~~ SHALL declare the common school district OR THE  
32 TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL DISTRICT lapsed and attach the territory to one or more  
33 of the adjoining school districts, dispose of the property of the lapsed  
34 ~~common~~ school district and apply the proceeds to the credit of the lapsed  
35 ~~common~~ school district. The county school superintendent shall determine all  
36 unbonded indebtedness of the lapsed ~~common~~ school district and draw ~~his~~ A  
37 warrant, on proper vouchers, on the county treasurer in payment of the  
38 unbonded indebtedness. Any balance remaining after such payment shall be  
39 transferred to the county school fund.

1           D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL DISTRICT"  
2 MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DOES NOT OFFER INSTRUCTION TO ANY PUPILS WHO  
3 RESIDE IN THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THAT TRANSPORTS PUPILS WHO RESIDE IN THAT  
4 SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ONE OR MORE OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR INSTRUCTION.

5           Sec. 2. Emergency

6           This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
7 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
8 law.