

REFERENCE TITLE: Public Defenders

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S. B. 1285

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES; AUTHORIZING CREATION OF JOINT OFFICES OF PUBLIC DEFENDER BY COUNTIES; PRESCRIBING LIMITATIONS ON PRIVATE PRACTICE BY PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 11-581 AND 11-583, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

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

2 Section 1. Section 11-581, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 11-581. Public defender; appointment; joint office

5 A. In any county ~~with a population of one hundred thousand persons~~
6 ~~or more~~ the board of supervisors may establish the office of public de-
7 fender and appoint a suitable person to hold that office.

8 B. TWO OR MORE COUNTIES MAY JOINTLY ESTABLISH ONE OFFICE OF PUBLIC
9 DEFENDER TO SERVE SUCH COUNTIES.

10 Sec. 2. Section 11-583, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 11-583. Private practice of civil and criminal law prohibited

13 A. IN A COUNTY OF THE FIRST CLASS HAVING A POPULATION OF SIXTY
14 THOUSAND PERSONS OR MORE ACCORDING TO THE LAST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES
15 CENSUS, the public defender shall not engage in the private practice of
16 law.

17 B. The public defender shall not during his incumbency defend or
18 assist in the defense of, or act as counsel for, any person accused of
19 any crime in any county except as provided in this article.