



Ariz. Cities Group to Challenge Budget Legislation

Arizona municipalities group to challenge state legislation as going beyond budget topics

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Arizona municipalities will sue to challenge state budget legislation that local government officials contend went astray.

The executive board of the League of Arizona Cities voted Friday to challenge a budget bill that included provisions on impact limits, housing codes and immigration enforcement.

Peoria Mayor Bob Barrett says the league contends that the enacted budget legislation couldn't legally include non-budget topics because they weren't covered by Gov. Jan Brewer's special session call.

He also says the legislation violates a prohibition against legislation containing unrelated provisions.

Legislators say they included impact fee limits in the legislation because the struggling homebuilding industry is an important part of the economy.

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