

March 11, 1944

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Mr. Frank Christensen,  
House of Representatives  
Capitol Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of March 8, 1944, with reference to the number of representatives from Coconino County.

It is our opinion the number of representatives should be determined from the total vote cast for governor in 1930, as provided in the amendment to the Constitution passed in 1932.

Our Supreme Court has passed upon this question in the case of Board of Supervisors vs. Pratt, 47 Ariz. 536, and in that case the court said:

"While it was undoubtedly the purpose of this amendment that each county should elect one Representative for each 2,500 votes, or major fraction thereof, it was also the intention that this should be done within the limitations prescribed in the amendment itself. The first of these is that no county shall, under the twenty-five-hundred-vote standard, have a less number of Representatives than it was entitled to under its votes for governor in 1930, and the second, that no county shall be redistricted, except when it is entitled to a greater number of Representatives."

Yours very truly,

JOE CONWAY  
Attorney General

EARL ANDERSON  
Chief Assistant Attorney General.