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The Honorable Jones Osborn  
Arizona State Senator  
State Capitol, Senate Wing  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Re: 182-093 (R82-110)

Dear Senator Osborn:

We are writing in response to your letter of June 22, 1982, in which you asked for an interpretation of A.R.S. § 11-146, concerning the voting procedure by which the name of the new county and location of the county seat are to be determined.

A.R.S. § 11-146 provides as follows:

Five per cent of the qualified electors residing within the new county may suggest in writing a name for the county or a location for the county seat, and the commissioners shall place every name and location so suggested on the ballot. If no name is suggested the commissioners shall select and submit two or more names, and if no location for the county seat is suggested, the commissioners shall select and submit two or more such locations. A majority vote of electors qualified to vote for county officers shall determine the questions so submitted.

The statute, by its terms, requires that a choice between two or more names and two or more locations be placed on the ballot and

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that the winning name and location be determined by a majority vote of the electors who are qualified to vote for county officers in the new county and not just a majority of those voting. Adams v. Bolin, 74 Ariz. 269, 247 P.2d 617 (1952).

Sincerely,



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