



AZ Government Relations Update

As anticipated, Governor Ducey will appoint outgoing Congresswoman Marth McSally (R) to the U.S. Senate. McSally will replace Senator John Kyl who announced late last week that he will be resigning on December 31st.

Ducey appointed Kyl back in September to replace Senator McCain who passed away back in August. Kyl's resignation did not come as a surprise as he indicated early on that he would probably only serve until the end of the year.

McSally lost a close election to Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema (D) for the open U.S. Senate seat to replace the retiring Senator Jeff Flake (R). Now both Sinema and McSally will represent Arizona in the U.S. Senate; however, McSally will have to run again for reelection in 2020 for just a two year term. In 2022 the seat will once again return to a six year cycle because McCain would have been up for reelection then.

This will be the first time since 1912 (Statehood) that Arizona is represented by two freshman in the U.S. Senate.

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