

## Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County Subdivision of the State of California

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Agenda Item 7b (Action)

TO: **Local Agency Formation Commission** 

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Clerk

**MEETING DATE:** April 3, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Report and Proposed Amendment to the Legislative

**Policy** 

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission adopt the Resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County Amending the Legislative Policy ("the Policy"), included as Attachment One.

#### BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

Commissioner Aboudamous, Alternate Commissioner Painter, and the Executive Officer currently serve on the Commission's Legislative Committee ("the Committee"), which is a standing subcommittee responsible for reviewing proposed legislation affecting LAFCOs and making recommendations to the Commission with respect to taking formal positions.

On February 28, 2023, the Committee held a noticed public meeting to discuss the following items:

1) Review the *Legislative Policy* and consider if amendments are needed:

The Committee recommends an amendment to the Legislative Policy as shown with tracked changes in Attachment Two. A clean version of the amendment is included as an exhibit to the draft resolution, included as Attachment One. The amendment would change the Committee from a standing subcommittee to an ad hoc subcommittee, which will provide the Committee with greater flexibility to advise staff on making recommendations as bills are introduced or amended throughout the legislative year.

Councilmember, City of Napa

2) Review the Commission's adopted *Legislative Platform* (Attachment Three) and consider if amendments are needed:

The Committee agreed no amendments are needed at this time.

3) Review proposed legislation affecting LAFCOs:

The California Association of LAFCOs (CALAFCO) monitors proposed legislation affecting LAFCOs and provides a daily legislative report. The report that was reviewed by the Committee was dated February 24, 2023 and is included as Attachment Four. The Committee also considered the formal positions taken by other key stakeholder organizations. Due to the preliminary nature of most bills at the time of the Committee's review, the Committee agreed to recommend no positions at this time and for staff to continue monitoring bills. The Committee will meet again to review any new bills that were introduced after the Committee's February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, as well as amendments to existing bills, before recommending any formal positions.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1) Draft Resolution Amending the Legislative Policy
- 2) Draft Amendment to the Legislative Policy (tracked changes)
- 3) Legislative Platform
- 4) CALAFCO Legislative Report (Dated February 24, 2023)

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## **RESOLUTION OF** THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY AMENDING ITS LEGISLATIVE POLICY

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, the Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County (the "Commission") adopted a Legislative Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Commission most recently amended the Legislative Policy on April 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Commission considered a proposed amendment to the Legislative Policy at its regular meeting on April 3, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby amends the Legislative Policy as attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Recorded by:	Dawn Mittleman Longoria		
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#### LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA

## Legislative Policy

(Adopted: December 4, 2017; Last Amended: April 3, 2023)

- 1) The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County ("the Commission") shall annually establish an ad hoc committee and appoint two members ("Legislative Committee") to advise staff as described in this policy.
- 2) The Legislative Committee shall, at least annually, review this policy, the Commission's adopted legislative platform, and the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO)'s legislative policies. Based on communication with the Legislative Committee, staff shall present recommendations to the full Commission with respect to any appropriate amendments to this policy or the local legislative platform.
- 3) The Legislative Committee shall, at least annually, review proposed legislation affecting LAFCO. Based on communication with the Legislative Committee, staff shall continue monitoring proposed legislation and present recommendations to the full Commission with respect to formal positions on proposed legislation.
- 4) In the event that proposed legislation affecting LAFCO cannot be considered by the full Commission due to timing, the Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer are authorized to submit written correspondence to the appropriate entity regarding the Commission's position if the position is consistent with the local legislative platform. The Chair, or the Vice Chair if the Chair is unavailable, shall review and approve the written correspondence prior to submittal by the Executive Officer or Assistant Executive Officer.
- 5) All submitted correspondence pursuant to this policy will be included on the next available Commission agenda.



## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA

## Legislative Policy

(Adopted: December 4, 2017; Last Amended: April 4, 20223, 2023)

- 1) The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County ("the Commission") shall annually establish an standing ad hoc committee and appoint two members ("Legislative Committee") to review proposed legislation advise staff as described in this policy. At the beginning of each two-year legislative session, the Commission shall appoint (or re-appoint) two members to the Legislative Committee, in addition to LAFCO's Executive Officer. Meetings of the Legislative Committee must be noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- 2) The Legislative Committee shall, at least annually, review this policy, the Commission's adopted legislative platform, and the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO)'s legislative platform-policies well as the Commission's adopted legislative platform if applicable and determine what action is needed in terms of adopting or amending a local legislative platform. The Based on communication with the Legislative Committee, staff shall present recommendations to the full Commission with respect to actions related any appropriate amendments to this policy or the local legislative platform.
- 3) The Legislative Committee shall, at least annually, review proposed legislation affecting LAFCO. <u>Based on communication with the Legislative Committee, staff The Executive Officer</u> shall continue monitoring proposed legislation and present recommendations to the full Commission with respect to formal positions on proposed legislation.
- 4) In the event that proposed legislation affecting LAFCO cannot be considered by the full Commission due to timing, the Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer areis authorized to submit written correspondence to the appropriate entity regarding the Commission's position if the position is consistent with the adopted local legislative platform of the Commission. The Chair, or the Vice-Chair if the Chair is unavailable, shall review and approve the written correspondence prior to it being submitted by the Executive Officer or Assistant Executive Officer.
- 5) All submitted correspondence pursuant to this policy will be included on the next available Commission agenda.



#### LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA

## Legislative Platform

(Adopted: February 5, 2018; Last Amended: April 4, 2022)

The following core guiding principles underlie the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County's activities. Each of these principles is centered on Napa LAFCO having in-depth, active communication with respect to all relevant constituents.

- Municipal Service Reviews based on local agency, Napa County, & LAFCO needs
- Re-writing policies (on a schedule) to be comprehensive, effective, and transparent
- Forecasting issues relating to local services and boundaries, as well as State legislation
- Active involvement of agency constituents in problem-solving local agency sustainability
- Engagement with local city/town general plan updates
- Active with local agencies in managing housing growth and related issues including transportation

The following serves as Napa LAFCO's Legislative Platform for purposes of informing actions relating to proposed legislation. Napa LAFCO will first review and consider the positions of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), the League of California Cities, and the California State Association of Counties before recommending the full Commission take a formal position on proposed legislation.

## 1. LAFCO Purpose and Authority

- 1.1 Support legislation which enhances Napa LAFCO's authority and powers to carry out the legislative findings and authority in Government Code §56000 et seq., and oppose legislation which diminishes Napa LAFCO's authority.
- 1.2 Support authority for Napa LAFCO to establish local policies to apply Government Code §56000 et seq. based on local needs and conditions, and oppose any limitations to that authority.
- 1.3 Oppose additional Napa LAFCO responsibilities which require expansion of current local funding sources. Oppose unrelated responsibilities which dilute Napa LAFCO's ability to meet its primary mission.
- 1.4 Support alignment of responsibilities and authority of Napa LAFCO and regional agencies which may have overlapping responsibilities in orderly growth, preservation, and service delivery, and oppose legislation or policies which create conflicts or hamper those responsibilities.

- 1.5 Oppose grants of special status to any individual agency or proposal to circumvent the Napa LAFCO process.
- 1.6 Support individual commissioner responsibility that allows each commissioner to independently vote their conscience on issues affecting their own jurisdiction.
- 1.7 Support the independence of Napa LAFCO from local agencies.
- 1.8 Support recognition of Napa LAFCO's spheres of influence by other agencies involved in determining and developing long-term growth and infrastructure plans.
- 1.9 Support efforts to acquire funding for local projects if the funding efforts are supported by the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

## 2. Agricultural, Watershed, and Open Space Protection

- 2.1. Support legislation which clarifies Napa LAFCO's authority to identify, encourage, and ensure the preservation of agricultural, watershed, and open space lands.
- 2.2. Support policies which encourage cities, counties and special districts to direct development away from agricultural, watershed, and open space lands.
- 2.3. Support policies and tools which protect agricultural, watershed, and open space lands.
- 2.4. Support the continuance of the Williamson Act and restoration of program funding through State subvention payments.
- 2.5. Support the recognition and use of spheres of influence as a management tool to provide better planning of growth and development, and to preserve agricultural, watershed, and open space lands.

# CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of Friday, February 24, 2023

AB 930 (Friedman D) Local government: Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California (RISE) districts.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2023 <a href="https://html.pdf">html</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

**Introduced:** 2/14/2023

**Status:** 2/15/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.

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#### Summary:

Would authorize the legislative bodies of 2 or more local governments, defined to include a city, county, special district, or transit agency, to jointly form a Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California district (RISE district) in accordance with specified procedures. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop standards for the formation of RISE districts no later than November 30, 2025. The bill would provide for the establishment of a governing board of a RISE district with representatives of each participating local government.

**Position:** Neutral

**Subject:** Special District Principle Acts

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill has a similar overtone to SB 852 Dodd in 2022 regarding the formation of climate resilience districts outside of the LAFCo process.

As introduced, this bill (AB 930) is focused on the generation of funding and the governance of the expenditure of those funds. However, it should be carefully tracked in case that mission is expanded.

#### AB 1439 (Garcia D) Housing.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2023 <a href="https://html">html</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

Introduced: 2/17/2023

**Status:** 2/18/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

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### Summary:

Current law generally sets forth the duties of the Department of Housing and Community Development, which is the principal state department responsible for coordinating federal-state relationships in housing and community development and for implementing the California Statewide Housing Plan. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation related to housing.

Position: Placeholder - Spot Bill

**Subject:** Housing

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spotholder bill that only notes an intent to address housing.

## AB 1460 (Bennett D) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2023 html pdf

Introduced: 2/17/2023

**Status:** 2/18/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

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#### Summary:

Existing law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, except as specified. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provision naming the act.

Position: Neutral

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures, Other

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill makes only a minor

nonsubstantive change to CKH in that it would merely add commas to Section 56000 so that it would read: "This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000."

## **SB 68** (McGuire D) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/5/2023 <a href="https://html.pdf">httml</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

**Introduced:** 1/5/2023

Status: 1/18/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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#### **Summary:**

Current law provides for the formation and powers of various local governments, including counties and cities. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to local government.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** 1-6-2023: As it currently stands, this bill appears to be a spot holder. In the write-up it notes that the legislative intent will be to address local government and it specifically mentions CKH. Consequently, the Executive Director reached out to the author's office requesting more particulars. On 1-9-2023, the author's office responded that they had no additional info to share but that, while the leg counsel introduction mentioned CKH, their language had nothing to do with it.

#### **SB 455** (McGuire D) Governmental organization.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2023 html pdf

Introduced: 2/13/2023

Status: 2/22/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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#### Summary:

Current constitutional and statutory law prescribes the organization of the government in California. The Government Code prescribes certain definitions for purposes of its interpretation, including definitions for "state," "county," and "city." This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to governmental organization.

Position: Placeholder - Spot Bill

Subject: Other

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spotholder bill that notes that its intent will be to

enact legislation relating to governmental organization.

## **SB 537** (Becker D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2023 <a href="https://html">html</a> pdf

Introduced: 2/14/2023

Status: 2/22/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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#### Summary:

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that expands local government's access to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and remote access.

Position: Placeholder - Spot Bill

**Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spotholder bill that states an intent to expand local government's access to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and remote access.

remote access.

## **SB 768** (<u>Caballero</u> D) California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impact analysis: rural areas.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2023 <a href="html">html</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

**Introduced:** 2/17/2023

**Status:** 2/21/2023-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.

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#### Summary:

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would create a new transportation impact analysis for rural areas for purposes of CEQA. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position: Placeholder - Spot Bill

Subject: CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spotholder bill that notes an intent to enact subsequent legislation that would create a new transportation impact analysis for rural areas for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

#### **SB 833** (McGuire D) Natural resources.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2023 <a href="https://doi.org/10/2023/html">httml</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

**Introduced:** 2/17/2023

**Status:** 2/21/2023-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.

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#### **Summary:**

Current law declares that resource conservation is of fundamental importance to the prosperity and welfare of the people of this state, and provides for the formation and powers of resource conservation districts. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation relating to natural resources.

Position: Placeholder - Spot Bill

Subject: Special District Powers, Special District Principle Acts, Special Districts

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CALAFCO Comments: This is a spotholder bill that notes only an intent to enact

subsequent legislation relating to natural resources.

**SB 865** (Laird D) Municipal water districts: automatic exclusion of cities.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2023 html pdf

**Introduced:** 2/17/2023

**Status:** 2/21/2023-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.

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#### Summary:

Current law authorizes a governing body of a municipal water district to adopt an ordinance excluding any territory annexed to a metropolitan water district organized under the Metropolitan Water District Act, if the territory is annexed prior to the effective date of the formation of the municipal water district. Current law requires the Secretary of State to issue a certificate reciting the passage of the ordinance and the exclusion of the area from the municipal water district within 10 days of receiving a certified copy of the ordinance. This bill would extend the number of days the Secretary of State has to issue a certificate to 14 days.

**Position:** None at this time **Subject:** Annexation Proceedings

**CALAFCO Comments:** Existing law authorizes a governing body of a municipal water district may adopt an ordinance excluding any territory annexed to a metropolitan water district organized under the Metropolitan Water District Act, providing that the territory is annexed prior to the effective date of the formation of the municipal water district. If that happens, the Secretary of State must, within 10 days of receiving a certified copy, issue a certificate reciting the passage of the ordinance that excludes the area from the municipal water district. This bill would extend the Secretary of State's window to issue that certificate from 10 to 14 days.

## AB 557 (Hart D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2023 <a href="html">html</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

**Introduced:** 2/8/2023

Status: 2/17/2023-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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#### Summary:

Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health, as specified. If there is a continuing state of emergency, or if state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, existing law requires a legislative body to make specified findings not later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting, and to make those findings every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures. Current law requires a legislative body that holds a teleconferenced meeting under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. Current law prohibits a legislative body that holds a teleconferenced meeting under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and would specify that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. This bill would extend the abovedescribed abbreviated teleconferencing provisions when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health, as specified, indefinitely.

**Position:** Neutral **Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** Similar in scope to SB 411, this bill is follow-on legislation to AB 361 (2022) and seeks to return some of the pandemic-era teleconferencing provisions to the Brown Act. This bill is sponsored by CSDA.

#### AB 817 (Pacheco D) Local government: open meetings.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2023 <a href="html">html</a> pdf

Introduced: 2/13/2023

**Status:** 2/14/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

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## **Summary:**

Current law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires each legislative body of a local agency to provide notice of the time and place for its regular meetings and an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted. The act also requires that all meetings of a legislative body be open and public, and that all persons be permitted to attend unless a closed session is authorized. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to a provision of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Position: Placeholder - Spot Bill

**Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill appears to be a spot holder in that it currently only makes minor grammatical changes. The lack of substance raises concern

regarding future changes to this bill.

## AB 1348 (Grayson D) Local government: open meetings.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2023 <a href="html">html</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

**Introduced:** 2/16/2023

**Status:** 2/17/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.

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#### **Summary:**

Current law, the California Public Records Act, requires state agencies and local agencies to make public records available for inspection, subject to specified criteria, and with specified exceptions. Current law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires the meetings of the legislative body of a local agency to be conducted openly and publicly, with specified exceptions. Current law makes agendas of public meetings and other writings distributed to the members of the governing board disclosable public records, with certain exceptions. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the public record provisions governing the writings related to agendas of public meetings.

**Position:** Neutral **Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill as introduced would change the Section 54957.5 of the Brown Act in a minor and nonsubstantive way by changing an "a" to "any" in two places.

## **SB 411** (Portantino D) Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2023 html pdf

**Introduced:** 2/9/2023

Status: 2/22/2023-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and JUD.

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#### **Summary:**

Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternate teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency or in other situations related to public health that exempt a legislative body from the general requirements (emergency provisions) and impose different requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The emergency provisions specify that they do not require a legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location that is open to the public and situated within the agency's jurisdiction and other requirements are met, including restrictions on remote participation by a member of the legislative body. This bill would authorize a legislative body to use alternate teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions

indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency. The bill would alternatively define "legislative body" for this purpose to mean a board, commission, or advisory body of a local agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed and which board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**Position:** Neutral **Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill would permanently add back provisions to Section 54953.4 of the Brown Act that had been temporarily enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The amendment would allow a legislative body to use teleconferencing provisions, and would define the proper procedure for conducting such a meeting, would require the legislative body to take no further action in the event of a broadcasting disruption within the local agency's control until the broadcast can be resumed, would require time public comment periods to remain open until the public comment time has elapsed, and would not only prevent requiring comments in advance but would also require that the public be afforded the chance to comment in real time.

#### **SB 878** (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2023 <a href="html">html</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

**Introduced:** 2/17/2023

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## **Summary:**

Would enact the First Validating Act of 2023, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** None at this time **Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the first of three annual validating acts.

#### **SB 879** (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2023 html pdf

Introduced: 2/17/2023

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Would enact the Second Validating Act of 2023, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** None at this time **Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is one of three annual validating acts.

## **SB 880** (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2023 <a href="html">html</a> <a href="pdf">pdf</a>

**Introduced:** 2/17/2023

**Status:** 2/21/2023-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.

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## **Summary:**

Would enact the Third Validating Act of 2023, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Position:** None at this time **Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is one of three annual validating acts.

Total Measures: 16

Total Tracking Forms: 16