



Local Agency Formation Commission
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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: New Legislation for 2008 (Information)

The Commission will receive a report from staff summarizing the new legislation affecting LAFCOs that became effective January 1, 2008.

The following new legislation was approved during the first year of the 2007-2008 legislation session and makes changes to LAFCO law that became effective January 1, 2008.

Senate Bill 162 (Negrete McLeod)

Requires the Commission to consider information or comments from affected voters or residents and the extent that a change of organization or reorganization proposal will promote environmental justice.

Senate Bill 819 (Dennis Hollingsworth)

Permanently authorizes the Commission to consolidate or reorganize special districts operating under different principal acts. Also expands the authority of the Commission to form new special districts.

Assembly Bill 745 (Jim Silva)

Makes disclosure of political contributions and expenditures for change of organization or reorganization proposals mandatory and consistent with the reporting requirements for local ballot initiatives under the Political Reform Act. Also extends the reporting requirements to political financing made to influence the outcome of protest proceedings.

Assembly Bill 1262 (Anna Caballero)

Makes permanent the consultation procedures that cities and counties must follow before the Commission makes a determination on a city's sphere of influence.

Assembly Bill 1744 (Committee on Local Government)

Makes several minor and non-controversial changes to LAFCO law. This includes revising the governance and service factors the Commission must address as part of its municipal service review requirement.

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Other new legislation relevant to LAFCO that was approved during the first year of the 2008-2009 legislation session includes:

Senate Bill 343 (Negrete McLeod)

Requires all documents designated as public records and pertaining to agenda items that have been distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting be made immediately available to the public at a location specified in the local agency's agenda. This statute becomes effective July 1, 2008.

Assembly Bill 1019 (Sam Blakeslee)

Establishes a mechanism for counties and cities to negotiate a revision of a county's regional housing needs assignment in response to an annexation under certain conditions.

Attachments: none