

Introduced by Senator Chesbro

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An act to amend Sections 50262, 50264, and 50265 of the Government Code, relating to local human relations commissions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 381, as introduced, Chesbro. Cities and counties: human relations commissions.

Existing law authorizes cities and counties to create commissions on human relations with the responsibility to, among other things, foster mutual respect and understanding among all racial, religious, and nationality groups in the community, inquire into incidents of tension and conflict among or between these groups, hold conferences and other public meetings in the interest of resolution of these tensions, and enlist the cooperation and participation of these groups and others as specified to foster mutual esteem, justice, and equity.

This bill would change the groups identified in these provisions to include people from groups of various race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or civic interest, and people from other groups subject to prejudice and discrimination.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 50262 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:



1 50262. The governing body of any city or county may, by
2 ordinance, create a commission on human relations. The
3 governing body shall determine the number of members of ~~such~~
4 *the* commission, the terms of the members, the manner of
5 appointment of the members, the selection of a ~~chairman~~
6 *chairperson* and the compensation, if any, to be paid to them. In
7 selecting the membership of the commission, the governing body
8 shall take into consideration, among other things, ~~the various~~
9 ~~religious, racial, nationality and political groups in the community~~
10 *people from groups of various race, religious creed, color, national*
11 *origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital*
12 *status, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or civic*
13 *interest, and people from other groups subject to prejudice and*
14 *discrimination.* The establishment of ~~such~~ a commission at one
15 level of local government shall not preclude establishment of ~~such~~
16 a commission at other levels of local government.

17 SEC. 2. Section 50264 of the Government Code is amended
18 to read:

19 50264. It shall be the responsibility of the commission:

20 (a) To foster mutual respect and understanding among all
21 ~~racial, religious and nationality groups in the community~~ *people,*
22 *including people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to*
23 *race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical*
24 *disability, mental disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation,*
25 *socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any other factors.*

26 (b) To make ~~such~~ *any* studies in any field of human relationship
27 in the community as in the judgment of the commission will aid
28 in effectuating its general purposes.

29 (c) To inquire into incidents of tension and conflict among or
30 between ~~various racial, religious and nationality groups~~ *people,*
31 *including people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to*
32 *race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical*
33 *disability, mental disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation,*
34 *socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any other factors,* and to
35 take action by means of conciliation, conference, and persuasion
36 to alleviate ~~such~~ *those* tensions and conflict.

37 (d) To conduct and recommend ~~such~~ *any* educational programs
38 as, in the judgment of the commission, will increase good will
39 among inhabitants of the community and open new opportunities
40 into all phases of community life for all inhabitants.



1 SEC. 3. Section 50265 of the Government Code is amended
2 to read:

3 50265. A commission on human relations created under the
4 provisions of Section 50262 shall discharge the following
5 obligations:

6 (a) To hold conferences, and other public meetings, in the
7 interest of the constructive resolution of ~~racial, religious and~~
8 ~~nationality group tensions and the prejudice and discrimination~~
9 ~~occasioned thereby~~ *tensions, prejudice, and discrimination among*
10 *or between groups of people, including people subject to prejudice*
11 *and discrimination due to race, religious creed, color, national*
12 *origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital*
13 *status, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, civic*
14 *interest, or any other factors.*

15 (b) To issue ~~such~~ any publications and reports of investigation
16 as in its judgment will tend to effectuate the purposes of this article.

17 (c) To enlist the cooperation and participation of ~~the various~~
18 ~~racial, religious and nationality groups~~ *community organizations,*
19 *a variety of people, including people subject to prejudice and*
20 *discrimination due to race, religious creed, color, national origin,*
21 *ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, sex,*
22 *sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any*
23 *other factors, industry and labor organizations, media or mass*
24 *communication, fraternal and benevolent associations, and other*
25 *groups in an educational campaign devoted to fostering among the*
26 *diverse groups of the community mutual esteem, justice and*
27 *equity.*

28 (d) To encourage and stimulate agencies under the jurisdiction
29 of the local governing body ~~which~~ *that* created the commission to
30 take ~~such~~ any action as will fulfill the purposes of this article.

31 (e) To submit an annual report to the governing body.

