

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 26, 2001

SENATE BILL

No. 381

Introduced by Senator Chesbro

February 21, 2001

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 amended, 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~~ *gender*, 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:

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

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

20 50264. It shall be the responsibility of the commission:

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

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

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

37 (d) To conduct and recommend any educational programs as,
38 in the judgment of the commission, will increase good will among



1 inhabitants of the community and open new opportunities into all
2 phases of community life for all inhabitants.

3 ~~SEC. 3. Section 50265 of the Government Code is amended~~

4 *SEC. 3. Section 50265 of the Government Code is amended to*
5 *read:*

6 50265. A commission on human relations created under the
7 provisions of Section 50262 shall discharge the following
8 obligations:

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

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

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

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

34 (e) To submit an annual report to the governing body.
35 *to read:*

36 ~~50265. A commission on human relations created under the~~
37 ~~provisions of Section 50262 shall discharge the following~~
38 ~~obligations:~~

39 ~~(a) To hold conferences, and other public meetings, in the~~
40 ~~interest of the constructive resolution of tensions, prejudice, and~~



- 1 ~~discrimination among or between groups of people, including~~
- 2 ~~people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to race,~~
- 3 ~~religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability,~~
- 4 ~~mental disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation,~~
- 5 ~~socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any other factors.~~
- 6 ~~(b) To issue any publications and reports of investigation as in~~
- 7 ~~its judgment will tend to effectuate the purposes of this article.~~
- 8 ~~(c) To enlist the cooperation and participation of a variety of~~
- 9 ~~people, including people subject to prejudice and discrimination~~
- 10 ~~due to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry,~~
- 11 ~~physical disability, mental disability, marital status, sex, sexual~~
- 12 ~~orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any other~~
- 13 ~~factors, industry and labor organizations, media or mass~~
- 14 ~~communication, fraternal and benevolent associations, and other~~
- 15 ~~groups in an educational campaign devoted to fostering among the~~
- 16 ~~diverse groups of the community mutual esteem, justice and~~
- 17 ~~equity.~~
- 18 ~~(d) To encourage and stimulate agencies under the jurisdiction~~
- 19 ~~of the local governing body that created the commission to take~~
- 20 ~~any action as will fulfill the purposes of this article.~~
- 21 ~~(e) To submit an annual report to the governing body.~~

