

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 31, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 181**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Huff**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members DeVore, Shirley Horton, Koretz,**  
**and Maze)**

January 24, 2005

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An act to add Section 9032 to the Government Code, relating to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 181, as amended, Huff. Legislative hearings: closed- and live-captioning.

Existing law, with certain exceptions, requires that all meetings of the Senate and the Assembly, or of a committee of the Senate or Assembly, be open and public, and requires that all persons be permitted to attend those meetings.

This bill would enact the Legislative Captioning Act of 2005, which would provide that, upon appropriation of funds for purposes of the bill in the annual Budget Act, the rules committee of the respective house shall provide closed-captioned and live-captioned broadcasts of the floor sessions and committee ~~meetings~~ *hearings* of the Senate and Assembly. Under the bill, the Joint Rules Committee would provide closed-captioned and live-captioned broadcasts of a joint committee hearing.

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. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as  
2 the Legislative Captioning Act of 2005.  
3 SEC. 2. Section 9032 is added to the Government Code, to  
4 read:  
5 9032. Upon appropriation of funds in the annual Budget Act  
6 for purposes of this section, the rules committee of the respective  
7 house shall provide closed-captioned and live-captioned  
8 broadcasts of all the floor sessions and ~~committee-meetings~~  
9 *hearings* of the Senate and Assembly. In the case of a joint  
10 ~~committee-meeting~~ *hearing*, the Joint Rules Committee shall  
11 provide the closed-captioned and live-captioned broadcasts.

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