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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 181**

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

*(Coauthor: Senator Alquist)*

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~~ *floor sessions*: 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~~ 2006, which would provide that, *commencing January 1, 2008*, and 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 hearings~~ of the Senate and *the* 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~~ 2006.  
3 SEC. 2. Section 9032 is added to the Government Code, to  
4 read:  
5 9032. ~~Upon~~ *Commencing January 1, 2008,* upon  
6 appropriation of funds in the annual Budget Act for purposes of  
7 this section, the rules committee of the respective house shall  
8 provide closed-captioned and live-captioned broadcasts of all the  
9 floor sessions ~~and committee hearings of the Senate and~~  
10 ~~Assembly. In the case of a joint committee hearing, the Joint~~  
11 ~~Rules Committee shall provide the closed-captioned and~~  
12 ~~live-captioned broadcasts.~~ *of the Senate and the Assembly.*