

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 19, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1210

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

February 22, 2005

~~An act relating to the Capitol Park. An act to add Chapter 4.1 (commencing with Section 6310) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to a Holocaust memorial.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1210, as amended, Levine. State capitol: Holocaust memorial.

Existing law provides for the placement of certain memorials on the grounds of the State Capitol, *including a Vietnam Veterans Memorial and establishes a commission with responsibilities related to the design and construction of that memorial.*

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to create a Holocaust memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol and would make legislative findings about the need for this memorial the creation of a Holocaust memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol and provide for the establishment of a commission in that regard. The bill would authorize the construction of the memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. The bill would prohibit the expenditure of state moneys for the purposes of this act which would be repealed on January 1, 2008.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Sixty years has passed since the end of World War II and
4 the Jewish Holocaust.

5 (b) At least 6 million Jews and 5 million others were murdered
6 in the Holocaust by the Nazis and Nazi sympathizers.

7 (c) California is home to about 5,500 Holocaust survivors,
8 many of whom continue to seek compassion and understanding
9 for the atrocities that they faced in concentration and labor camps
10 around Europe during World War II.

11 (d) California is home to more than a million Jews, many of
12 whom are descendants of Holocaust victims and survivors.

13 (e) The atrocities of the Holocaust must never be repeated in
14 the future; "We shall never forget."

15 ~~(f) It is the intent of the Legislature to create an advisory
16 committee for the purpose of determining an appropriate design,
17 construction and dedication of a memorial to Holocaust victims
18 within the Capitol Park.~~

19 ~~(g) It is the intent of the Legislature that the proposed
20 Holocaust memorial be financed through private funds.~~

21 SEC. 2. Chapter 4.1 (commencing with Section 6310) is
22 added to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:

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CHAPTER 4.1. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

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26 6310. (a) *There is in state government the Holocaust*
27 *Memorial Commission composed of nine members, as follows:*

28 (1) *Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, at*
29 *least one of whom shall be a Member of the Assembly. The*
30 *nonlegislative member shall be a Holocaust survivor or an*
31 *individual recommended by an organization representing*
32 *Holocaust survivors.*

33 (2) *Two members appointed by the Senate Committee on*
34 *Rules, at least one of whom shall be a Member of the Senate. The*
35 *nonlegislative member shall be a Holocaust survivor or an*
36 *individual recommended by an organization representing*
37 *Holocaust survivors.*

1 (3) Five members appointed by the Governor, one of whom
2 shall be a member of the Governor's staff or a Governor's
3 appointee in the executive branch of state government and at
4 least four of whom shall be Holocaust survivors or individuals
5 recommended by an organization representing Holocaust
6 survivors.

7 (b) The members shall elect one of their number to serve as
8 chairperson.

9 (c) Members of the Legislature shall serve on the commission
10 as ex officio members without vote and shall participate in the
11 activities of the commission to the extent that the participation is
12 not incompatible with their legislative duties.

13 (d) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation
14 but, except for the legislative members, shall receive per diem
15 and expenses while engaged in commission activities.

16 (e) The commission may request staff support and facilities for
17 its activities from the Department of General Services, and the
18 department may provide that support.

19 6311. (a) The construction of a memorial to California's
20 Holocaust survivors on the grounds of the State Capitol is hereby
21 authorized. For purposes of this chapter, the grounds of the State
22 Capitol are that property in the City of Sacramento bounded by
23 Ninth, Fifteenth, "L," and "N" Streets. The actual site for the
24 memorial shall be selected by the commission after consultation
25 with the Department of General Services.

26 (b) Funds for the construction of the memorial shall be
27 provided through private contributions. The commission may
28 receive contributions for this purpose.

29 6312. With respect to the design and construction of the
30 memorial, the commission may do all of the following:

31 (a) Establish a schedule for design, construction, and
32 dedication of the memorial.

33 (b) Implement procedures to solicit designs for the memorial
34 and devise a selection process for the choice of the design.

35 (c) Select individuals or organizations to provide fundraising
36 services and to construct the memorial.

37 (d) Review and monitor the design and construction of the
38 memorial and establish a program for the dedication of the
39 memorial.

1 (e) Report to the Legislature biannually through the Assembly
2 Rules Committee on the progress of the memorial
3 notwithstanding Section 7550.5.

4 6313. No state moneys shall be expended for any of the
5 purposes specified in this chapter. Funds for the construction of
6 the memorial shall be provided exclusively through private
7 contributions for this purpose.

8 6314. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1,
9 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
10 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends
11 that date.