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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1550

**Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Villines)
(Coauthor: Senator Florez)**

February 22, 2005

~~An act to amend Section 26613 of the Government Code, relating to traffic enforcement. An act to amend Section 14504 of the Government Code, relating to transportation.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1550, as amended, Arambula. ~~Unincorporated areas: vehicle law enforcement. California Transportation Commission.~~

Existing law establishes the California Transportation Commission and requires the Governor, in appointing 9 members, to make every effort to assure that there is a geographic balance of representation on the commission, with members from the northern and southern areas of the state.

This bill would also require the Governor, in appointing members, to include members from the central valley areas of the state and to make every effort to assure that members have a demonstrated background related to meeting the state's transportation needs.

~~Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of a county having a population in excess of 3,000,000 persons to authorize the county sheriff to enforce the provisions of the Vehicle Code in the unincorporated area of the county, but only upon county highways,~~

and provides that the expense incurred in the performance of those duties shall be a proper county charge.

This bill would instead specifically grant this authority to the Boards of Supervisors of Fresno County and Los Angeles County.

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 14504 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 14504. (a) In appointing members, the Governor shall make
4 every effort to assure that there is a geographic balance of
5 representation on the commission as a whole, with members
6 from the northern, *central valley*, and southern areas and from
7 the urban and rural areas of the state.

8 (b) In appointing members, the Governor shall make every
9 effort to assure that members have a demonstrated background
10 related to meeting the state's transportation needs, including, but
11 not limited to, road construction, mass transportation,
12 transportation planning, transportation project design, or
13 budgetary oversight.

14 (c) Each member of the commission shall represent the state
15 at large.

16 ~~SECTION 1. Section 26613 of the Government Code is~~
17 ~~amended to read:~~

18 ~~26613. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 29601, the~~
19 ~~Boards of Supervisors in the Counties of Los Angeles and Fresno~~
20 ~~may authorize the sheriff to have concurrent jurisdiction to~~
21 ~~enforce the provisions of the Vehicle Code in the unincorporated~~
22 ~~area of the county, but only upon county highways. The expense~~
23 ~~incurred by the sheriff in the performance of those duties shall be~~
24 ~~a proper county charge.~~

25 ~~The sheriff shall, on or before the fifth day of each month,~~
26 ~~forward to the Department of the California Highway Patrol~~
27 ~~copies of all accident reports made to the sheriff's office and all~~
28 ~~accident reports of accidents investigated by the sheriff's office.~~

29 ~~SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that there are~~
30 ~~unique circumstances with respect to enforcement of the Vehicle~~
31 ~~Code on county highways in the unincorporated areas of Fresno~~

1 ~~County and Los Angeles County, based on high population or~~
2 ~~high county highway mileage, that are not common to other~~
3 ~~counties. It is therefore declared that a general law cannot be~~
4 ~~made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV~~
5 ~~of the Constitution, and that the enactment of this act as a special~~
6 ~~law is necessary for the solution of these problems in Fresno~~
7 ~~County and Los Angeles County.~~

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