

Senate Bill No. 28

CHAPTER 1

An act relating to human remains, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[Approved by Governor February 2, 2005. Filed with
Secretary of State February 2, 2005.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 28, Poochigian. Human remains: the Metropolitan Anthony Gerigiannakis.

Existing law requires the local registrar of births and deaths, if the certificate of death is properly executed and completed, to issue a permit for disposition that specifies where the burial or interment will take place.

This bill, notwithstanding the above requirement or any other provision of law, would authorize the local registrar of births and deaths in the County of Fresno to issue a disposition permit for the burial of the Metropolitan Anthony Gerigiannakis on the grounds of the St. Nicholas Monastery in the County of Fresno and would permit those remains to be so interred.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Sections 7054 and 103055 of the Health and Safety Code, or any other provision of law, the local registrar of births and deaths in the County of Fresno may issue a disposition permit for the burial of the Metropolitan Anthony Gerigiannakis on the grounds of the St. Nicholas Monastery in the County of Fresno and those remains may be so interred.

SEC. 2. Due to the unique circumstances concerning the County of Fresno, the Legislature finds and declares that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order that the reinterment of the Metropolitan Anthony Gerigiannakis on the grounds of the St. Nicholas Monastery in the County of Fresno may take place as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

O