

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 721

Introduced by Assembly Member Maze

February 22, 2007

An act to add Section 6252.7 to the Government Code, relating to public records.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 721, as introduced, Maze. Public records: request from Legislature.

The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption applies, and to make copies available upon payment of specified fees. The act requires each agency, within 10 days of receipt of a request for records, to determine if the request seeks disclosable public records in possession of the agency and to notify the requester of that determination. The act permits an extension of this deadline for no more than 14 days in unusual circumstances.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of the act, when a Member of the Legislature requests a public record from a state agency, the state agency shall make the determination and notification required by these provisions immediately and in no event later than 3 business days after receipt of the request.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6252.7 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:
3 6252.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
4 when a Member of the Legislature requests a public record from
5 a state agency, that state agency shall make the determination and
6 notification required by subdivision (c) of Section 6253
7 immediately and in no event later than three business days after
8 receipt of the request, rather than within the timeframe specified
9 in that subdivision.

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