

## Senate Bill No. 230

### CHAPTER 169

An act to amend Section 20071 of, and to add Section 20070.5 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to police protection districts.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 230, Yee. Police protection districts.

(1) Existing law provided, until October 1, 1959, for the formation and administration of police protection districts in unincorporated towns. Existing law provides for the continuation of police protection districts formed prior to that date.

This bill would provide that a police protection district's police department, its chief of police, and its employees shall have all the rights, duties, privileges, immunities, obligations, and powers of a municipal police department. By imposing new duties upon a local district, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. The bill would also authorize the district board to delegate to the chief of police the authority to appoint and dismiss district employees. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature that this bill shall not affect the Broadmoor Police Protection District's current reimbursements for any state-mandated local programs.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

SECTION 1. Section 20070.5 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

20070.5. (a) A district's police department, police chief, and employees shall have all of the rights, duties, privileges, immunities, obligations, and powers of a municipal police department.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the act adding this section shall not affect the Broadmoor Police Protection District's current reimbursements for any state-mandated local programs.

SEC. 2. Section 20071 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

20071. (a) The district board shall determine the number of employees, if any, necessary for the proper care and protection of the life and property of residents in the district.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), the district board shall appoint all district employees and prescribe their duties and compensation. All of these employees shall hold their positions at the pleasure of the district board.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the district board may delegate to the chief of police the authority to appoint and dismiss district employees.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district are the result of a program for which legislative authority was requested by that local agency or school district, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.