Assembly Bill No. 348

CHAPTER 99

An act to add Section 21100.7 to the Water Code, relating to the South Bay Irrigation District.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 348, Salas. South Bay Irrigation District: directors.
Existing law, the Irrigation District Law, with certain exceptions, requires a director of the board of an irrigation district to be a voter and a landowner in the district and a resident of the division that he or she represents, at the time of his or her nomination or appointment and during his or her entire term. The district law requires a director elected at a formation election to be a resident, landowner, and voter in the proposed district at the time of his or her nomination and a resident of the division that he or she represents during his or her entire term.

This bill would eliminate the landownership requirement for the purpose of being elected to, or serving on, the Board of Directors of the South Bay Irrigation District. This bill would state the findings and declarations of the Legislature concerning the need for special legislation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21100.7 is added to the Water Code, to read:
21100.7. The landownership requirements set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 21100 do not apply to the South Bay Irrigation District.
SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act, which applies only to the South Bay Irrigation District, is necessary to eliminate, as soon as possible, the landownership requirements for the purpose of being elected to, or serving on the Board of Directors of the South Bay Irrigation District because of the urban characteristics of that district.