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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 23**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth**

December 6, 2010

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An act to add Section 54952.3 to the Government Code, relating to local government.

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AB 23, as amended, Smyth. Local agency meetings: simultaneous meetings: compensation disclosure.

Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires each legislative body of a local agency to provide the time and place for holding regular meetings and requires that all meetings of a legislative body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend unless a closed session is authorized.

This bill would authorize a convened legislative body whose membership constitutes a quorum of any other legislative body to convene a meeting of the ~~2<sup>nd</sup>~~ *subsequent* legislative body, simultaneously or in serial order, only if a clerk or member of the convened legislative body verbally announces the amount of compensation or stipend, if any, that each member will be entitled to receive as a result of convening the simultaneous or serial meeting of the ~~2<sup>nd</sup>~~ *subsequent* legislative body, and that the compensation or stipend shall be provided as a result of convening a meeting for which

each member is entitled to collect compensation or a stipend, as specified.

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 54952.3 is added to the Government
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 54952.3. (a) A legislative body that has convened a meeting
- 4 and whose membership constitutes a quorum of any other
- 5 legislative body may convene a meeting of that other legislative
- 6 body, simultaneously or in serial order, only if a clerk or a member
- 7 of the convened legislative body verbally announces, prior to
- 8 convening ~~that second meeting~~ *any simultaneous or serial order*
- 9 *meeting of that subsequent legislative body*, the amount of
- 10 compensation or stipend, if any, that each member will be entitled
- 11 to receive as a result of convening the simultaneous or serial
- 12 meeting of the ~~second~~ *subsequent* legislative body and identifies
- 13 that the compensation or stipend shall be provided as a result of
- 14 convening a meeting for which each member is entitled to collect
- 15 compensation or a stipend. However, the clerk or member of the
- 16 legislative body shall not be required to announce the amount of
- 17 compensation if the amount of compensation is prescribed in statute
- 18 and no additional compensation has been authorized by a local
- 19 agency.
- 20 (b) For purposes of this section, compensation and stipend shall
- 21 not include amounts reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses
- 22 incurred by a member in the performance of the member’s official
- 23 duties, including, but not limited to, reimbursement of expenses
- 24 relating to travel, meals, and lodging.

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