

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 14, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 504

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

February 15, 2011

An act to add Section 50079.2 to the Government Code, relating to taxation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 504, as amended, Williams. School districts: County of Santa Barbara: special taxes.

Existing law authorizes any school district to impose qualified special taxes, as defined, within the school district pursuant to specified procedures.

This bill would, when any school district in the County of Santa Barbara is in any manner merged with one or more school districts so as to form a single district, as specified, authorize the district so formed to continue to impose any qualified special taxes imposed in any ~~of the predecessor school districts~~ *former district, as defined*, provided that specified conditions are met, and would authorize the district so formed to also impose ~~a new special tax~~ *taxes*, as provided.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the County of Santa Barbara.

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 50079.2 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 50079.2. Notwithstanding any other law, when any school
4 district in the County of Santa Barbara is in any manner merged
5 with one or more school districts so as to form a single district
6 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 35542 of the Education
7 Code, the district so formed may do both of the following:

8 (a) Continue to impose any qualified special taxes imposed in
9 ~~any of the predecessor school districts~~ *former district as defined*
10 *by Section 35516 of the Education Code*, provided that the revenues
11 derived from those qualified special taxes remain segregated on a
12 geographical basis conforming to the former boundaries of the
13 school districts prior to unification.

14 (b) Subject to Section 4 of Article XIII A and Article XIII C of
15 the California Constitution, impose ~~a new special tax~~ *new special*
16 *taxes* pursuant to the procedures established in Article 3.5
17 (commencing with Section 50075). The revenues derived from
18 the imposition of the new special ~~tax shall~~ *taxes may* be segregated
19 on a geographical basis conforming to the former boundaries of
20 the school districts prior to unification.

21 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
22 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
23 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
24 Constitution because of the unique need to allow *noncoterminous*
25 school districts in the County of Santa Barbara that have merged
26 ~~in any manner~~ to form a unified school district *pursuant to*
27 *subdivision (b) of Section 35542 of the Education Code* to continue
28 to impose qualified special taxes imposed in ~~any of the predecessor~~
29 ~~school districts~~ *former district as defined by Section 35516 of the*
30 *Education Code*, in order to provide critical program support in
31 the unified school district in areas such as music, art, mathematics,
32 and technology.

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