

Assembly Bill No. 693

CHAPTER 599

An act to amend Section 181016 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 693, Huffman. Local government: Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority.

(1) Existing law, until December 1, 2015, creates the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (authority). Existing law provides for the authority to be governed by the same board as that governing the Sonoma County Transportation Authority and imposes certain duties on the authority. Existing law authorizes the authority to perform coordination and implementation activities within the boundaries of the County of Sonoma, in cooperation with local agencies, as defined, that elect to participate, to assist those agencies in meeting their greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. Existing law authorizes the authority to develop, coordinate, and implement programs and policies to comply with the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and other federal or state mandates and programs designed to respond to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

This bill would instead make the above provisions inoperative on December 1, 2019, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2020. By extending the addition of new duties on local governments participating in the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the County of Sonoma.

(3) 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 181016 of the Public Utilities Code is amended to read:

181016. This division shall become inoperative on December 1, 2019, and, as of January 1, 2020, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique greenhouse gas emission reduction goals of the County of Sonoma.

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.