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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1164

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 185020 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to the High-Speed Rail Authority.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1164, as amended, Gordon. High-Speed Rail Authority: appointees: Senate confirmation.

Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority within the state government with various powers and duties relative to development and implementation of a high-speed passenger train system. Existing law provides that 5 of the 9 members comprising the authority shall be appointed by the Governor.

This bill would require that those gubernatorial appointments be made with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 185020 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 185020. (a) There is in state government a High-Speed Rail
- 4 Authority.
- 5 (b) (1) The authority is composed of nine members as follows:

1 (A) Five members appointed by the Governor, with the advice
2 and consent of the Senate.
3 (B) Two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.
4 (C) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
5 (2) For the purposes of making appointments to the authority,
6 the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of
7 the Assembly shall take into consideration geographical diversity
8 to ensure that all regions of the state are adequately represented.
9 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (d), and until their
10 successors are appointed, members of the authority shall hold
11 office for terms of four years. A vacancy shall be filled by the
12 appointing power making the original appointment, by appointing
13 a member to serve the remainder of the term.
14 (d) (1) On and after January 1, 2001, the terms of all persons
15 who are then members of the authority shall expire, but those
16 members may continue to serve until they are reappointed or until
17 their successors are appointed. In order to provide for evenly
18 staggered terms, persons appointed or reappointed to the authority
19 after January 1, 2001, shall be appointed to initial terms to expire
20 as follows:
21 (A) Of the five persons appointed by the Governor, one shall
22 be appointed to a term which expires on December 31, 2002, one
23 shall be appointed to a term which expires on December 31, 2003,
24 one shall be appointed to a term which expires on December 31,
25 2004, and two shall be appointed to terms which ~~expires~~ *expire*
26 on December 31, 2005.
27 (B) Of the two persons appointed by the Senate Committee on
28 Rules, one shall be appointed to a term which expires on December
29 31, 2002, and one shall be appointed to a term which expires on
30 December 31, 2004.
31 (C) Of the two persons appointed by the Speaker of the
32 Assembly, one shall be appointed to a term which expires on
33 December 31, 2003, and one shall be appointed to a term which
34 expires on December 31, 2005.
35 (2) Following expiration of each of the initial terms provided
36 for in this subdivision, the term shall expire every four years
37 thereafter on December 31.
38 (e) Members of the authority are subject to the Political Reform
39 Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000)).

- 1 (f) From among its members, the authority shall elect a
2 chairperson, who shall preside at all meetings of the authority, and
3 a vice chairperson to preside in the absence of the chairperson.
4 The chairperson shall serve a term of one year.
5 (g) Five members of the authority constitute a quorum for taking
6 any action by the authority.

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