ASSEMBLY BILL No. 1422

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An act to add and repeal Section 972.4 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans; an act to amend Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of 2009, Seventh Extraordinary Session, to amend Section 9 of Chapter 126 of the Statutes of 2010, and to amend Section 2 of Chapter 226 of the Statutes of 2010, relating to elections, an act calling an election, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST


Existing law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $11,140,000,000 pursuant to
the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Existing law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 6, 2012, statewide general election.

This bill would instead provide for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election.

This bill would declare that it is to take immediate effect as an urgency statute and an act calling an election.

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs within state government and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, administration of veterans benefits programs.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Veterans Affairs identify any savings in the operations of the veterans home system and prioritize the allocation of those identified savings to offset any program reductions, as specified. This bill would require the department to make a report to the Legislature that would include information on the savings and the programs that were augmented with those identified savings.


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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of 2009, Seventh Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 126 of the Statutes of 2010, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the voters at the November 6, 2012 4, 2014, statewide general election, instead of the November 2, 2010 6, 2012, statewide general election, in accordance with provisions of the Government Code and the Elections Code governing the submission of a statewide measure to the voters.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of 2009, Seventh Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 126 of the Statutes of 2010, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. (a) Section 1 of this act shall take effect only upon the approval by the voters of the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, as set forth in that section at the November 6, 2012 4, 2014, statewide general election.
(b) (1) Notwithstanding Section 9051 of the Elections Code or any other provision of law, the Attorney General shall provide and return to the Secretary of State a ballot title and summary in 10-point type for all state ballot pamphlets of the November 6, 2012, statewide general election that contains the following title and summary for Senate Bill 2, adopted by the Legislature at the 2009–10 Seventh Extraordinary Session:

"SAFE, CLEAN, AND RELIABLE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ACT OF 2012" and in the same square under those words:

"To protect water quality and ensure safe, clean drinking water; meet the water supply needs of California residents, farms, businesses, expand water conservation and recycling; restore fish and wildlife habitat; reduce polluted runoff that contaminates rivers, streams, beaches, and bays; and protect the safety of water supplies threatened by earthquakes and other natural disasters; the State of California shall issue bonds totaling eleven billion one hundred forty million dollars ($11,140,000,000) paid from existing state funds subject to independent, annual audits, and citizen oversight."

(2) The language in paragraph (1) shall be the only language included in the title and summary for Senate Bill 2, adopted by the Legislature at the 2009–10 Seventh Extraordinary Session, and the Attorney General shall not supplement, subtract from, or revise that language.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including Sections 9050, 9051, 13247, and 13262 of the Elections Code, the language in paragraph (1) for the title and summary shall also be the language included in the ballot label for the condensed statement of the ballot title, and the Attorney General shall not supplement, subtract from, or revise that language, except that the Attorney General may include the fiscal impact summary prepared pursuant to Section 9087 of the Elections Code and Section 88003 of the Government Code. The ballot label is the condensed statement of the ballot title and the financial impact summary.

(c) Opposite the square, there shall be left spaces in which the voters may place a cross in the manner required by law to indicate whether they vote for or against the act.
Where the voting in the election is done by means of voting
machines used pursuant to law in the manner that carries out the
intent of this section, the use of the voting machines and the
expression of the voters’ choices by means thereof are in
compliance with this section.

SEC. 3. Section 9 of Chapter 126 of the Statutes of 2010 is
amended to read:

Sec. 9. The Secretary of State shall submit the heading of
Division 26.7 (commencing with Section 79700) of, and Sections
79700, 79702, 79716, 79749, and 79749.5 of, the Water Code, as
amended by Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act, in place of the
heading of Division 26.7 (commencing with Section 79700) of,
and Sections 79700, 79702, 79716, 79749, and 79749.5 of, the
Water Code, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 3 of the Seventh
Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 2009, in order that they
are voted upon as part of the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking
Water Supply Act of 2012, at the November 6, 2014,
statewide general election.

SEC. 4. Section 2 of Chapter 226 of the Statutes of 2010 is
amended to read:

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall submit Section 79770 of
the Water Code, as amended by Section 1 of this act, in place of
Section 79770 of the Water Code, as added by Section 1 of Chapter
3 of the Seventh Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 2009, in
order that it is voted upon as part of the Safe, Clean, and Reliable
Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 at the November 6, 2014,
statewide general election.

SEC. 5. This act calls an election within the meaning of Article
IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.

SEC. 6. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into
immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:
In order to ensure that the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking
Water Supply Act of 2012 is submitted to the voters at the
November 4, 2014, statewide general election, it is necessary that
this act take effect immediately.

SECTION 1. Section 972.4 is added to the Military and
Veterans Code, to read:
972.4. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that any savings that the Department of Veterans Affairs identifies in the operations of the veterans home system shall be used by the department to support the veterans of the State of California. Any funds from the identified savings shall be used to augment existing programs.

(b) The priority for any funds identified pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be to offset any reductions or budget cuts to programs overseen by the Department of Veterans Affairs made by Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 2011. It is the intent of the Legislature that those funds first be used to offset the twenty million two hundred thousand dollar ($20,200,000) decrease achieved by delaying the opening of the Redding and Fresno veterans homes.

(c) (1) On or before June 30, 2012, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide the Legislature with a report that includes the amount of any funds identified pursuant to subdivision (a), a list of programs that received additional funds pursuant to subdivision (b), and any additional federal funding or other public or private insurance money available to assist veterans homes.

(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until June 30, 2012, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before June 30, 2012, deletes or extends that date.