

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1796**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani**

February 21, 2012

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An act to amend Section 6031 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the State Bar.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1796, as introduced, Galgiani. State Bar of California: board of governors.

Existing law, the State Bar Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California. The State Bar is governed by a board of trustees. Existing law prohibits the board, except as specified, from conducting or participating in, or authorizing any person or entity of the State Bar to conduct or participate in, any evaluation, review, or report on the qualifications, integrity, diligence, or judicial ability of any specific justice of a court of appeal or the California Supreme Court.

This bill would make nonsubstantive, technical changes to that provision.

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 6031 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 6031. (a) The board may aid in all matters pertaining to the
- 4 advancement of the science of jurisprudence or to the improvement

1 of the administration of justice, including, but not ~~by way of~~  
2 ~~limitation~~ *limited to*, all matters that may advance the professional  
3 interests of the members of the State Bar and such matters as  
4 concern the relations of the bar with the public.

5 (b) Notwithstanding this section or any other provision of law,  
6 the board shall not conduct or participate in, or authorize any  
7 committee, agency, employee, or commission of the State Bar to  
8 conduct or participate in, any evaluation, review, or report on the  
9 qualifications, integrity, diligence, or judicial ability of any specific  
10 justice of a court provided for in Section 2 or 3 of Article VI of  
11 the California Constitution without prior review and statutory  
12 authorization by the Legislature.

13 The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to  
14 prohibit a member of the State Bar from conducting or participating  
15 in such an evaluation, review, or report in his or her individual  
16 capacity.

17 The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to  
18 prohibit an evaluation of potential judicial appointees or nominees  
19 as authorized by Section 12011.5 of the Government Code.