Assembly Bill No. 2572

CHAPTER 754

An act to amend Section 72031 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2572, Furutani. Los Angeles Community College District: governing board elections.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by a governing board, throughout the state. Existing law requires members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District to be elected at large in a manner established by specified law.

This bill would, commencing with the 2013 election, authorize the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District to adopt a resolution by majority vote to enact an alternative method by which members of the governing board may be elected at large and by individual seat number, as specified.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Los Angeles Community College District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 72031 of the Education Code is amended to read:

72031. The provisions of this section shall apply only to the Los Angeles Community College District.

(a) Whenever in this code a section refers to a district, or to two or more districts, governed by a single governing board, or by governing boards of identical personnel, or to a district or districts in which the average daily attendance is in excess of 400,000, or makes a similar reference, all provisions of the section shall apply with equal force to both the city school district and community college district.

(b) Members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District shall be elected at large in the manner established by Chapter 62 of the Statutes of 1968.
Commencing with the 2013 election for the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, and each election thereafter, the governing board may adopt a resolution by majority vote to enact an alternative method by which members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District may be elected at large and by individual seat number wherein, upon certification of the election, the candidate with the highest number of votes for an individual seat number shall be deemed the candidate elected for that individual seat number.

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 needs of the Los Angeles Community College District.