

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2664

Introduced by Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security (Furutani (Chair), Allen, Ma, and Wieckowski)

February 29, 2012

An act to amend Section 31527 of the Government Code, relating to county employees retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2664, as introduced, Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security. County employees retirement: electronic signatures.

The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 establishes county retirement boards for the administration of benefits authorized under that law and authorizes each board to include specified provisions, by regulation, with respect to the administration of benefits.

This bill would permit a county retirement board to include a provision for the use and acceptance of electronic signatures, as specified, within the regulations.

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 31527 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 31527. In its regulations, the board may include the following
- 4 provisions:
- 5 (a) From what warrants deductions of members' contributions
- 6 shall be made.

1 (b) For a period of time longer than one year during which a
 2 member may redeposit in the retirement fund an amount equal to
 3 all of the accumulated normal contributions ~~which~~ *that* he or she
 4 has withdrawn, plus regular interest thereon from the date of return
 5 to service.

6 (c) For a period of time longer than one year during which a
 7 member brought within the field of membership may pay into the
 8 retirement fund the amount equal to the contributions he or she
 9 would have made plus interest, if he or she had been a member
 10 from the date of its organization, or from the date of his or her
 11 entrance into service, whichever is later.

12 (d) For a withdrawal charge against a member who withdraws
 13 his or her accumulated contributions. The withdrawal charge shall
 14 not exceed the interest credited to the member subsequent to the
 15 effective date of the regulation.

16 (e) For the exemption or exclusion from membership as a peace
 17 officer member or as a safety member or from membership
 18 altogether, in the discretion of the board, of persons whose tenure
 19 is temporary, seasonal, intermittent, or for part time only, or
 20 persons whose compensation is fixed at a rate by the day or hour.

21 (f) For the periodic physical examination, at county expense,
 22 of safety members.

23 (g) The amount of additional deductions from the salaries or
 24 wages of members pursuant to Article 15.5 (*commencing with*
 25 *Section 31841*) or Article 16 (*commencing with Section 31861*).
 26 Such a provision may be adopted in anticipation of, and prior to
 27 Article 15.5 (*commencing with Section 31841*) or Article 16
 28 (*commencing with Section 31861*) becoming operative in the
 29 particular county.

30 (h) The day upon which each person becomes a member of the
 31 association if it is to be other than the first day of the calendar
 32 month after his or her entrance into service, ~~provided~~. *However,*
 33 *that day shall be no later than 12 weeks after his or her entrance*
 34 *into service, or the day upon which the member terminates service*
 35 *credited by the association, provided and that the day shall be no*
 36 *earlier than 12 weeks prior to the member's termination from*
 37 *employment.*

38 (i) *Notwithstanding any other law, for the use and acceptance*
 39 *of a document requiring a signature that is submitted by a member*
 40 *using an electronic signature, if the document and electronic*

1 *signature are submitted using technology the board deems*
2 *sufficient to ensure its integrity, security, and authenticity. A*
3 *document submitted pursuant to the regulation shall be given the*
4 *same force as a signed, valid original document.*

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