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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2680

Introduced by Committee on Agriculture (Assembly Members Galgiani (Chair), Valadao (Vice Chair), Bill Berryhill, Hill, Ma, Mendoza, Olsen, and Perea)

March 7, 2012

An act to amend Section 51257 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2680, as amended, Committee on Agriculture. Agricultural land: Williamson Act: lot line adjustments: contracts.

The Williamson Act, until January 1, 2013, authorizes a city or county and a landowner to agree to rescind a contract or contracts and simultaneously enter into a new contract or contracts to facilitate lot line adjustments, and requires an application to rescind a contract for lot line adjustments to be processed to its completion if it is submitted before January 1, 2013. Existing law repeals this authorization as of January 1, 2013.

This bill would ~~delete the January 1, 2013, repeal date~~ *instead repeal these provisions on January 1, 2017.*

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 51257 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

1 51257. (a) To facilitate a lot line adjustment, pursuant to
2 subdivision (d) of Section 66412, and notwithstanding any other
3 provision of this chapter, the parties may mutually agree to rescind
4 the contract or contracts and simultaneously enter into a new
5 contract or contracts pursuant to this chapter, provided that the
6 board or council finds all of the following:

7 (1) The new contract or contracts would enforceably restrict the
8 adjusted boundaries of the parcel for an initial term for at least as
9 long as the unexpired term of the rescinded contract or contracts,
10 but for not less than 10 years.

11 (2) There is no net decrease in the amount of the acreage
12 restricted. In cases where two parcels involved in a lot line
13 adjustment are both subject to contracts rescinded pursuant to this
14 section, this finding will be satisfied if the aggregate acreage of
15 the land restricted by the new contracts is at least as great as the
16 aggregate acreage restricted by the rescinded contracts.

17 (3) At least 90 percent of the land under the former contract or
18 contracts remains under the new contract or contracts.

19 (4) After the lot line adjustment, the parcels of land subject to
20 contract will be large enough to sustain their agricultural use, as
21 defined in Section 51222.

22 (5) The lot line adjustment would not compromise the long-term
23 agricultural productivity of the parcel or other agricultural lands
24 subject to a contract or contracts.

25 (6) The lot line adjustment is not likely to result in the removal
26 of adjacent land from agricultural use.

27 (7) The lot line adjustment does not result in a greater number
28 of developable parcels than existed prior to the adjustment, or an
29 adjusted lot that is inconsistent with the general plan.

30 (b) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the board
31 or council to enact additional conditions or restrictions on lot line
32 adjustments.

33 (c) Only one new contract may be entered into pursuant to this
34 section with respect to a given parcel, prior to January 1, 2004.

35 (d) *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017.*
36 *An application filed prior to the repeal of this section shall be*
37 *processed to completion.*