

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 363

Introduced by Assembly Member Grove

February 14, 2013

An act to amend Sections 11553 and 11553.5 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 401 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 363, as introduced, Grove. Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board: members.

Existing law creates, in the Employment Development Department, the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, consisting of 7 members, 2 of whom are required to be attorneys at law admitted to practice in California. Existing law authorizes the Governor to appoint 5 of the 7 members, as specified.

This bill would prohibit a former member of the Legislature from sitting on the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board for 2 years after the day that person leaves the Legislature, as specified.

Existing law requires that an annual salary of \$81,635, to be increased as specified, be paid to the Chairperson of the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. Existing law establishes the annual salary for each member of the board at \$79,122, to be increased, as specified.

This bill would provide that the salaries of the chairperson and members of the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board shall be set by the person or body appointing the chairperson or member, not to exceed the salary of the lowest paid member of the Assembly.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11553 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 11553. (a) Effective January 1, 1988, an annual salary of
4 eighty-one thousand six hundred thirty-five dollars (\$81,635) shall
5 be paid to each of the following:

6 ~~(1) Chairperson of the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.~~

7 ~~(2)~~

8 (1) Chairperson of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board.

9 ~~(3)~~

10 (2) President of the Public Utilities Commission.

11 ~~(4)~~

12 (3) Chairperson of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

13 ~~(5)~~

14 (4) Chairperson of the Energy Resources Conservation and
15 Development Commission.

16 ~~(6)~~

17 (5) Chairperson of the Public Employment Relations Board.

18 ~~(7)~~

19 (6) Chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

20 ~~(8)~~

21 (7) Administrative Director of the Division of Industrial
22 Accidents.

23 ~~(9)~~

24 (8) Chairperson of the State Water Resources Control Board.

25 (b) The annual compensation provided by this section shall be
26 increased in any fiscal year in which a general salary increase is
27 provided for state employees. The amount of the increase provided
28 by this section shall be comparable to, but shall not exceed, the
29 percentage of the general salary increases provided for state
30 employees during that fiscal year.

31 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any salary increase is
32 subject to Section 11565.5.

33 SEC. 2. Section 11553.5 of the Government Code is amended
34 to read:

35 11553.5. (a) Effective January 1, 1988, an annual salary of
36 seventy-nine thousand one hundred twenty-two dollars (\$79,122)
37 shall be paid to the following:

38 (1) Member of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board.

1 (2) Member of the State Energy Resources Conservation and
2 Development Commission.

3 (3) Member of the Public Utilities Commission.

4 (4) Member of the Public Employment Relations Board.

5 ~~(5) Member of the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.~~

6 ~~(6)~~

7 (5) Member of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

8 ~~(7)~~

9 (6) Member of the State Water Resources Control Board.

10 (b) The annual compensation provided by this section shall be
11 increased in any fiscal year in which a general salary increase is
12 provided for state employees. The amount of the increase provided
13 by this section shall be comparable to, but shall not exceed, the
14 percentage of the general cost-of-living salary increases provided
15 for state employees during that fiscal year.

16 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any salary increase is
17 subject to Section 11565.5.

18 SEC. 3. Section 401 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is
19 amended to read:

20 401. (a) There is in the department an Appeals Division
21 consisting of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals
22 Board and its employees. The appeals board consists of five
23 members. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor,
24 subject to the approval of the Senate. One member shall be
25 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and one member shall
26 be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. All of the
27 members of the appeals board shall be attorneys at law admitted
28 to practice in any state of the United States, and shall have, at a
29 minimum, one year of experience in conducting judicial or
30 administrative hearings or five years of experience in the practice
31 of law. Each member of the board shall devote his or her full time
32 to the performance of his or her duties. The chairperson ~~and each~~
33 ~~or a member of the board shall receive the an annual salary~~
34 ~~provided for by Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 11550) of~~
35 ~~Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code set by the~~
36 ~~person or body who appoints the chairperson or member of the~~
37 ~~board. The salary of the chairperson or a member of the board~~
38 ~~shall not exceed the lowest salary paid to a member of the~~
39 ~~Assembly. The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the~~
40 ~~appeals board from the membership of the appeals board. The~~

1 person so designated shall hold the office of chairperson at the
2 pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson shall designate a
3 member of the appeals board to act as chairperson in his or her
4 absence.

5 (b) The amendments made to this section by the act adding this
6 subdivision shall apply to appointments made on or after January
7 1, 2013.

8 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the two California
9 Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board member positions that
10 are eliminated pursuant to this act be those board member positions
11 that could have been appointed by the Governor, but were not, and
12 that are currently vacant and have been vacant since October 2011.

13 (d) *A former member of the Legislature shall not sit on the*
14 *Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board for two years after the*
15 *day that person leaves the Legislature.*