

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 984

Introduced by Assembly Members Chau and Gordon

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Sections 50901, 50902, and 51502 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to the California Housing Finance Agency.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 984, as introduced, Chau. The California Finance Agency.

Existing law provides that there is the California Housing Finance Agency in the Department of Housing and Community Development administered by an 11-member board of directors that includes various state officers and 6 members appointed by the Governor.

This bill would add the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the board. The bill would also increase the number of members appointed by the Governor to 7 and require that at least one member appointed by the Governor have specific knowledge of housing finance agencies, single-family mortgage lending, bonds and related financial instruments, interest rate swaps, and risk management.

Existing law, the California Homebuyer's Assistance Program, requires the agency to administer a downpayment assistance program, as specified.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

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 50901 of the Health and Safety Code, as
2 amended by Section 21 of Chapter 147 of the Statutes of 2012, is
3 amended to read:

4 50901. The agency shall be administered by a board of directors
5 consisting of ~~11~~ 13 voting members, including a chairperson
6 selected by the Governor from among his or her appointees. The
7 Treasurer, the Secretary of Business, Consumer Services, and
8 Housing, ~~and~~ the Director of Housing and Community
9 Development, *and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*, or their
10 designees, shall be members, in addition to ~~six~~ seven members
11 appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the Speaker
12 of the Assembly, and one member appointed by the Senate
13 Committee on Rules. The Director of Finance, the Director of
14 Planning and Research, and the executive director of the agency
15 shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the board.

16 SEC. 2. Section 50902 of the Health and Safety Code is
17 amended to read:

18 50902. (a) Appointed members of the board shall be able
19 persons broadly reflective of the economic, cultural, and social
20 diversity of the state, including ethnic minorities and women.
21 However, it is not intended that formulas or specific ratios be
22 applied in order to achieve that diversity.

23 (b) The Governor shall select four of his or her ~~six~~ seven
24 appointees from among the following categories: (1) an elected
25 official of a city or county engaged in the planning or
26 implementation of a housing, housing-assistance, or
27 housing-rehabilitation program; (2) a person experienced in
28 residential real estate in the savings and loan, mortgage banking,
29 or commercial banking industry; (3) a person experienced as a
30 builder of residential housing; (4) a person experienced in
31 organized labor in the residential construction industry; (5) a person
32 experienced in the management of rental or cooperative housing
33 occupied by lower income households; (6) a person experienced
34 in manufactured housing finance and development; and (7) a person
35 representing the public. Not more than one person from each
36 category may serve on the board at any one time, except that two
37 members may be appointed by the Governor to represent the public.

1 (c) The Governor shall also appoint two members who are
2 residents of rental or cooperative housing financed by the agency
3 or who are persons experienced in counseling, assisting, or
4 representing tenants.

5 (d) At least one of the members appointed by the Governor
6 shall be a resident of a rural or nonmetropolitan area.

7 (e) *At least one of the members appointed by the Governor shall*
8 *have specific knowledge of housing finance agencies, single-family*
9 *mortgage lending, bonds and related financial instruments, interest*
10 *rate swaps, and risk management.*

11 (e)

12 (f) The Senate ~~Rules~~ Committee *on Rules* and the Speaker of
13 the Assembly shall each appoint a person representing the public.

14 The term of members of the board shall be six years. Any person
15 appointed to fill a vacancy on the board shall serve only for the
16 remainder of the unexpired term. Members of the board shall,
17 subject to continued qualification, be eligible for reappointment.
18 If a member of the board ceases to meet the qualifications specified
19 in this section, the membership of that person on the board shall
20 be terminated.

21 SEC. 3. Section 51502 of the Health and Safety Code is
22 amended to read:

23 51502. The purpose of the California Homebuyer's
24 Downpayment Assistance Program is to assist first-time low- and
25 moderate-income homebuyers ~~utilizing~~ *using* existing mortgage
26 financing.