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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1820**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin**

February 18, 2014

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An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 18934 of the Government Code, relating to state employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1820, as amended, Mullin. State employment: applications.

Existing law requires every applicant for examination for state employment to file an application with the Department of Human Resources or an appointing power designated by the department.

This bill would, commencing on July 1, ~~2016~~, 2017, require the department or the designated appointing power, whenever it receives an application for examination that was filed online, to provide the electronic communication address of the department or the designated appointing power to the applicant, to contact the applicant using electronic communication instead of postal mail, unless the applicant specifically requests otherwise, and to inform the applicant that he or she be provided with employment inquiry notifications and his or score and rank on the examination using electronic communication unless the applicant specifically requests to be notified using postal mail. The bill would also make related nonsubstantive changes.

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 18934 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 18934. (a) (1) Every applicant for examination shall file an  
4 application with the department or a designated appointing power  
5 as directed in the examination announcement. Applications shall  
6 be accepted free of any charge to the applicant. Filed applications  
7 and all other examination materials, including examination  
8 questions and any written material, are the property of the  
9 department and are confidential records not open to inspection  
10 except as provided by law.

11 (2) The application shall include a place for listing volunteer  
12 experience and that experience shall be considered if it is relevant  
13 to the position being applied for and shall state that relevant  
14 volunteer experience will be given consideration as qualifying  
15 experience for state employment.

16 (b) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, ~~2016~~, 2017,  
17 and is repealed on January 1, ~~2017~~, 2018.

18 SEC. 2. Section 18934 is added to the Government Code, to  
19 read:

20 18934. (a) (1) Every applicant for examination shall file an  
21 application with the department or a designated appointing power  
22 as directed in the examination announcement. Applications shall  
23 be accepted free of any charge to the applicant. Filed applications  
24 and all other examination materials, including examination  
25 questions and any written material, are the property of the  
26 department and are confidential records not open to inspection  
27 except as provided by law.

28 (2) The application shall include a place for listing volunteer  
29 experience and that experience shall be considered if it is relevant  
30 to the position being applied for and shall state that relevant  
31 volunteer experience will be given consideration as qualifying  
32 experience for state employment.

33 (b) Whenever the department or a designated appointing power  
34 receives an application for examination that was filed online, the  
35 department, or the designated appointing power, shall do all of the  
36 following:

1 (1) Provide the electronic communication address of the  
2 department or the electronic communication address of the  
3 designated appointing power to the applicant.

4 (2) Contact the applicant using electronic communication instead  
5 of postal mail, unless the applicant specifically requests otherwise.

6 (3) Inform the applicant that he or she will be provided with  
7 employment inquiry notifications and his or her score and rank on  
8 the examination using electronic communication, unless the  
9 applicant specifically requests to be notified using postal mail.

10 (c) This section shall become operative on July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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