

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2277

Introduced by Assembly Member Mansoor

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 10248 of the Government Code, relating to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2277, as introduced, Mansoor. Legislative Counsel: legislative session information.

Existing law requires the Legislative Counsel to make specified information pertaining to measures considered by the Legislature publicly available in electronic format, including all vote information concerning each bill in each current legislative session.

This bill would require that the vote information identify the party preference designation of each Member of the Legislature associated with a vote. The bill would also require the Legislative Counsel to make available a list, for each Member, of the votes cast by the Member on every bill introduced in the current legislative session. The bill would require that this information be organized and made available for download in a specified format that would allow the public to search and aggregate the data.

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 10248 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

1 10248. (a) The Legislative Counsel shall, with the advice of
2 the Assembly Committee on Rules and the Senate Committee on
3 Rules, make all of the following information available to the public
4 in electronic form:

5 (1) The legislative calendar, the schedule of legislative
6 committee hearings, a list of matters pending on the floors of both
7 houses of the Legislature, and a list of the committees of the
8 Legislature and their members.

9 (2) The text of each bill introduced in each current legislative
10 session, including each amended, enrolled, and chaptered form of
11 each bill.

12 (3) The bill history of each bill introduced and amended in each
13 current legislative session.

14 (4) The bill status of each bill introduced and amended in each
15 current legislative session.

16 (5) All bill analyses prepared by legislative committees in
17 connection with each bill in each current legislative session.

18 (6) All vote information concerning each bill in each current
19 legislative session, *including the party preference designation of*
20 *each Member of the Legislature associated with a vote.*

21 (7) Any veto message concerning a bill in each current
22 legislative session.

23 (8) The California Codes.

24 (9) The California Constitution.

25 (10) All statutes enacted on or after January 1, 1993.

26 (11) *For each Member of both houses of the Legislature, a list*
27 *of the votes cast by the Member, including votes cast during*
28 *committee hearings, on every bill introduced in the current*
29 *legislative session, including any current extraordinary session.*
30 *For purposes of subdivision (b), the information identified pursuant*
31 *to this paragraph shall, to the extent practicable, be organized*
32 *and made available for public download in a format, such as a*
33 *spreadsheet, that allows the public to search and aggregate the*
34 *data.*

35 (b) The information identified in subdivision (a) shall be made
36 available to the public by means of access by way of the largest
37 nonproprietary, nonprofit cooperative public computer network.
38 The information shall be made available in one or more formats
39 and by one or more means in order to provide the greatest feasible
40 access to the general public in this state. Any person who accesses

1 the information may access all or any part of the information. The
2 information may also be made available by any other means of
3 access that would facilitate public access to the information. The
4 information that is maintained in the legislative information system
5 that is operated and maintained by the Legislative Counsel shall
6 be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information
7 is available in the information system. The information that is not
8 maintained in the information system shall be made available in
9 the shortest feasible time after it is available to the Legislative
10 Counsel.

11 (c) Any documentation that describes the electronic digital
12 formats of the information identified in subdivision (a) and is
13 available to the public shall be made available by means of access
14 by way of the computer network specified in subdivision (b).

15 (d) Personal information concerning a person who accesses the
16 information may be maintained only for the purpose of providing
17 service to the person.

18 (e) No fee or other charge may be imposed by the Legislative
19 Counsel as a condition of accessing the information that is
20 accessible by way of the computer network specified in subdivision
21 (b).

22 (f) The electronic public access provided by way of the computer
23 network specified in subdivision (b) shall be in addition to other
24 electronic or print distribution of the information.

25 (g) No action taken pursuant to this section shall be deemed to
26 alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or
27 entitlement of the State of California relating to any of the
28 information made available pursuant to this section.