SENATE BILL No. 298

Introduced by Senators Wyland and Walters

February 15, 2013

An act to add and repeal Section 53069.81 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 298, as amended, Wyland. Local government: supplemental law enforcement services.

Existing law provides that a board of supervisors of a county, and a legislative body of a city, may contract to provide supplemental law enforcement services to private individuals or entities at special events or occurrences.

This bill would, until January 1, 2017, authorize the board of supervisors of Orange County to contract to provide supplemental law enforcement services to a homeowners’ association on an occasional or ongoing basis to enforce the Vehicle Code on a homeowners’ association’s privately owned and maintained road, as specified. It would also require, on or before June 30, 2016, the Department of Justice to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on certain impacts of this contract and would require the board of supervisors to reimburse the department for the costs of this report.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for Orange County.
The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 53069.81 is added to the Government Code, to read:

53069.81. (a) The Board of Supervisors of Orange County may, as part of a pilot project, contract on behalf of the sheriff of that county to provide supplemental law enforcement services to homeowners’ associations, as defined in Section 4080 of the Civil Code, on an occasional or ongoing basis to enforce the Vehicle Code on a homeowners’ association’s privately owned and maintained road, as provided by Section 21107.7 of the Vehicle Code.

(b) Contracts entered into pursuant to this section shall provide for full reimbursement to the county of the actual costs of providing those services, as determined by the county auditor or auditor-controller.

(c) (1) The services provided pursuant to this section shall be rendered by regularly appointed full-time peace officers, as defined in Section 830.1 of the Penal Code.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), services provided in connection with special events or occurrences, as specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 830.6 of the Penal Code, may be rendered by Level I reserve peace officers, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 830.6 of the Penal Code, who are authorized to exercise the powers of a peace officer, as defined in Section 830.1 of the Penal Code, if regularly appointed full-time peace officers are not available to fill the positions as required in the contract.

(d) Peace officer rates of pay shall be governed by a memorandum of understanding.

(e) A contract entered into pursuant to this section shall encompass only law enforcement duties and not services authorized to be provided by a private patrol operator, as defined in Section 7582.1 of the Business and Professions Code.

(f) Contracting for law enforcement services, as authorized by this section, shall not reduce the normal and regular ongoing
service that the county or agency of the county otherwise would provide.

(g) Prior to contracting for ongoing services under subdivision (a), the board of supervisors shall discuss the contract and the requirements of this section at a duly noticed public hearing.

(h) On or before June 30, 2016, if the board of supervisors enters into the contract authorized pursuant to subdivision (a), the Department of Justice shall prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the impact that a contract entered into pursuant to this section has on the provision of law enforcement services to people in communities within the county that are not served by supplemental police services provided pursuant to this section. This report shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795. The Board of Supervisors of Orange County shall reimburse the department for the costs of preparing and submitting the report.

(i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the presence within the county of a unique homeowner association that is comprised of over 15,000 people with extensive private roads that need law enforcement.