

Senate Bill No. 803

CHAPTER 113

An act to amend Section 24011 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

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SB 803, DeSaulnier. Local government: counties: consolidation of offices.

Existing law authorizes the boards of supervisors of specified counties to provide, by ordinance, that the public administrator be appointed by the board. Existing law also authorizes the boards of supervisors of specified counties, by ordinance, to appoint the same person to the offices of public administrator and public guardian, and to, at any time, separate the consolidated offices of district attorney and public administrator, as specified.

This bill would authorize Contra Costa County to, by ordinance, appoint the public administrator to the board, appoint the same person to the offices of public administrator and public guardian, and separate the consolidated offices of district attorney and public administrator.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for Contra Costa County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24011 of the Government Code is amended to read:

24011. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24009:

(a) The Boards of Supervisors of Amador County, Contra Costa County, Glenn County, Lake County, Lassen County, Madera County, Mendocino County, Monterey County, Napa County, Solano County, Sonoma County, Trinity County, Tuolumne County, and Ventura County may, by ordinance, provide that the public administrator shall be appointed by the board.

(b) The Boards of Supervisors of Lake County, Madera County, Mendocino County, Napa County, Trinity County, and Tuolumne County may appoint the same person to the offices of public administrator, veteran service officer, and public guardian. The Boards of Supervisors of Amador County, Contra Costa County, Glenn County, Kings County, Lassen County, Monterey County, Solano County, Sonoma County, and Ventura County, may, by ordinance, appoint the same person to the offices of public administrator and public guardian.

(c) The Boards of Supervisors of Amador County, Contra Costa County, Glenn County, Lake County, Lassen County, Madera County, Mendocino County, Napa County, Trinity County, and Tuolumne County may separate the consolidated offices of district attorney and public administrator at any time in order to make the appointments permitted by this section. Upon approval by the board of supervisors, the officer elected to these offices at any time may resign, or decline to qualify for, the office of public administrator without resigning from, or declining to qualify for, the office of district attorney.

(d) The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County may separate the consolidated office of public administrator from the office of treasurer, in order to make the appointment authorized by this section. Upon approval by the board of supervisors, the officer elected to these offices at any time may resign, or decline to qualify for, the office of public administrator without resigning from, or declining to qualify for, the office of treasurer.

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 unique circumstances faced by Contra Costa County with respect to the reorganization of their county offices.