

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 442

Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin

February 23, 2015

An act to add and repeal Section 59 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to military bases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 442, as introduced, Irwin. Governor's Military Council.

Existing law establishes the California Military Department, which contains the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and other offices.

This bill would codify the Governor's Military Council, under the direction of the California Military Department, and would provide for appointment to the council by the governor. The bill would provide that the appointments may include policy level representatives from specified areas. The provisions of this bill would remain operative only until January 1, 2021.

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. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- 2 (a) California is home to 29 federal military installations and
- 3 the United States Department of Defense directly employs more
- 4 than 236,000 people in California. In an effort to protect and
- 5 expand the military's vital role in national security and California's
- 6 economy, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. established the

1 Governor's Military Council and appointed former Congresswoman
2 and Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher as chair. The
3 Governor's Military Council works to protect California's military
4 installations and operations amid ongoing United States
5 Department of Defense budget cuts, and leverage changes in federal
6 military strategy to position the state to continue innovation and
7 leadership in its military mission.

8 (b) The Military Council articulates the unique national defense
9 value of California installations, and the importance of the
10 Californians and businesses that support them. The Military
11 Council also provides insight to state policy leaders on how state
12 government can ensure that California serves as an operating
13 environment for military and defense operations.

14 (c) The Military Council has convened several meetings
15 throughout the state over the last year to tour installations and
16 gather information and input from military commanders, business
17 leaders, and community support organizations. The Military
18 Council will deliver a report with recommendations to state leaders
19 in summer 2015.

20 (d) The effect of sequestration and the continuing prospect of
21 base reduction and closure necessitate that California maintain
22 vigilance and speak with a unified voice to protect and enhance
23 the United States Department of Defense mission in California.

24 SEC. 2. Section 59 is added to the Military and Veterans Code,
25 to read:

26 59. (a) There is in the state government a Governor's Military
27 Council (council) that shall serve under the direction of the Military
28 Department and consist of members appointed by the governor.
29 The council shall advise the governor on efforts to retain military
30 installations and operations within this state that are necessary for
31 the defense of the nation, and to coordinate and focus those efforts.

32 (b) The council membership may include, but is not limited to,
33 policy level representatives from the following:

- 34 (1) The Governor's Advisor on Military Affairs.
- 35 (2) The Director of the Governor's Office of Business and
36 Economic Development.
- 37 (3) The Secretary for Environmental Protection.
- 38 (4) The Director of Employment Development.
- 39 (5) The Director of State Planning and Research.

- 1 (6) The Chairperson of the State Energy Resources Conservation
2 and Development Commission.
- 3 (7) The Secretary of Transportation.
- 4 (8) The Executive Director of the Employment Training Panel.
- 5 (9) The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency.
- 6 (10) The President of the University of California.
- 7 (11) The Chancellor of the California State University.
- 8 (12) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.
- 9 (13) The President pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 10 (14) The Speaker of the Assembly.
- 11 (15) The State Air Resources Board.
- 12 (16) The State Energy Resources Conservation and Development
13 Commission.
- 14 (17) Any other legislative offices, state agencies, local
15 governments, industry, civic, and research organizations that may
16 have an interest in defense-related activities.
- 17 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2021,
18 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
19 is enacted before January 1, 2021, deletes or extends that date.