

## Assembly Bill No. 663

### CHAPTER 38

An act to add Section 31520.13 to the Government Code, relating to county employees' retirement.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 663, Irwin. County retirement boards: alternate members.

The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 sets forth the membership composition requirements for the board of retirement of counties subject to certain provisions regarding safety members. The 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th members are required to be qualified electors of the county who are not connected with the government, except that one may be a member of the county board of supervisors. Existing law authorizes a retirement board, in a county of the 9th class, to appoint an alternate member for the 4th, 5th, 6th, or 9th member of the board, as specified.

This bill would additionally authorize a county of the 13th class, also known as Ventura County, to appoint an alternate member for the 4th, 5th, 6th, or 9th member of the board.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 31520.13 is added to the Government Code, to read:

31520.13. (a) Notwithstanding Section 31520.1, in any county subject to Articles 6.8 (commencing with Section 31639) and 7.5 (commencing with Section 31662), the board of supervisors may, by resolution adopted by majority vote, appoint an alternate member for the fourth, fifth, sixth, and ninth members. The term of office of the alternate member shall run concurrently with the term of office of the ninth member. The alternate member shall vote as a member of the board only in the event the fourth, fifth, sixth, or ninth member is absent from a board meeting for any cause. If there is a vacancy with respect to the fourth, fifth, sixth, or ninth member, the alternate member shall fill that vacancy until a successor qualifies.

(b) The alternate member for the fourth, fifth, sixth, or ninth member shall be entitled to the same compensation as the fourth, fifth, sixth, or ninth member for attending a meeting, pursuant to Section 31521, whether or not the fourth, fifth, sixth, or ninth member attends the meeting.

(c) This section shall apply only to a county of the 13th class, as defined in Sections 28020 and 28034.

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 pressures being experienced in the County of Ventura in providing timely resolution to complex retirement board actions.