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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 679

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

February 25, 2015

An act to amend Section 27361.6 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 679, as amended, Travis Allen. Documents: recordation.

Existing law requires the recorder of each county, upon payment of proper fees and taxes, to accept for recordation any instrument, paper, or notice that is authorized or required by law to be recorded. Existing law requires those documents to comply with specified standards respecting margins, quality of paper, print size and color, and other related matters.

This bill would require any instrument, paper, or notice presented for recordation to state the number of pages to be recorded. *This bill would authorize the number of pages to be recorded to be stated on a cover page or a sticker, as specified, and would require the county recorder to verify that the number of pages to be recorded stated on the cover page or sticker match the number of pages presented for recordation.*

By imposing new duties upon the county recorder, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state.

Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 27361.6 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 27361.6. (a) ~~Notwithstanding any other~~ *Except as otherwise*
4 *provided by law or regulation*, all documents submitted for
5 recording shall have at least a 1/2-inch margin on the two vertical
6 sides, except in the space reserved for recording information. At
7 least the top 2 1/2 inches of the first page or sheet shall be reserved
8 for recording information. The left-hand 3 1/2 inches of the space
9 shall be used by the public to show the name of the person
10 requesting recording and the name and address to which the
11 document is to be returned following recording. In the event the
12 first page or sheet of a document does not comply with these
13 requirements, a separate page shall be attached by the party
14 requesting recording to the front of the document that meets these
15 criteria and that reflects the title or titles of the document as
16 required by Section 27324. Any printed form accepted for
17 recordation that does not comply with this subdivision shall not
18 affect the notice otherwise imparted by recording.

19 (b) All instruments, papers, or notices presented for recordation
20 shall be on a quality of paper and contain print of a size and color
21 that will reproduce legibly by microphotographic or imaging
22 processes as set forth in Sections 26205.5 and 27322.2.

23 (c) Any instrument, paper, or notice presented for recordation
24 that in any way modifies, releases, or cancels the provisions of a
25 previously recorded document shall state the recorder identification
26 number or book and page of the document number being modified,
27 released, or canceled.

28 (d) (1) Any instrument, paper, or notice presented for
29 recordation shall state the number of pages to be recorded.

1 (2) (A) The number of pages to be recorded may be stated on
2 a cover page or a sticker on the first page of the instrument, paper,
3 or notice.

4 (B) *The county recorder shall verify that the number of pages*
5 *to be recorded stated on the cover page or sticker match the*
6 *number of pages presented for recordation.*

7 *SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
8 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*
9 *a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service*
10 *charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or*
11 *level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section*
12 *17556 of the Government Code.*

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