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AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 25, 2015  
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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 20, 2015  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 26, 2015  
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 679**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen**

February 25, 2015

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An act to amend Section 27320 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 further requires the recorder, when any instrument authorized by law to be recorded is deposited in the recorder's office for record, to endorse upon the instrument in the order in which it is deposited, the year, month, day, hour, and minute of its reception, ~~and the amount of fees for recording,~~ *recording, and the name of the person at whose request it is recorded.*

*This bill would delete the requirement that the recorder endorse the name of the person at whose request an instrument is recorded and*

would additionally require the recorder to endorse upon the instrument the number of pages of the instrument.

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: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 27320 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 27320. When any instrument authorized by law to be recorded  
4 is deposited in the recorder’s office for record, the recorder shall  
5 endorse upon it in the order in which it is deposited, the year,  
6 month, day, hour, and minute of its reception, its number of pages,  
7 and the amount of fees for recording. The recorder shall record it  
8 without delay, together with the acknowledgments, proofs,  
9 certificates, and prior recording data written upon or annexed to  
10 it, with the plats, surveys, schedules, and other papers thereto  
11 annexed, and shall note on the record its identification ~~number,~~  
12 ~~and the name of the person at whose request it is recorded.~~ *number.*  
13 Efforts shall be made to assign identification numbers sequentially,  
14 but an assignment of a nonsequential number may be made if not  
15 in violation of express recording instructions regarding a group of  
16 concurrently recorded instruments and if, in the discretion of the  
17 county recorder, such assignment best serves the interest of  
18 expeditious recording.

19 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
20 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
21 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service  
22 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or  
23 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section  
24 17556 of the Government Code.

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