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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2347

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

February 18, 2016

An act to amend Section 10248 of the Government Code, relating to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2347, as amended, Travis Allen. Legislature: ~~transparency.~~
legislative session information.

Existing law requires the Legislative Counsel to make specified legislative information pertaining to each current legislative session available to the public in electronic form, as specified.

This bill would also require that the Legislative Counsel make available to the public in electronic form the above referenced legislative information for each legislative session after final adjournment of the session, commencing with the 1993–1994 Regular Session of the Legislature.

~~Existing law contains a number of provisions requiring transparency in the legislative process, including provisions requiring public meetings to be open to the public and provisions requiring public records to be open to inspection.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that increases the transparency of the legislative process.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 10248 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 10248. (a) The Legislative Counsel shall, with the advice of
4 the Assembly Committee on Rules and the Senate Committee on
5 Rules, make all of the following information available to the public
6 in electronic form:

7 (1) The legislative calendar, the schedule of legislative
8 committee hearings, a list of matters pending on the floors of both
9 houses of the Legislature, and a list of the committees of the
10 Legislature and their members.

11 (2) The text of each bill introduced in each current legislative
12 session, including each amended, enrolled, and chaptered form of
13 each bill.

14 (3) The bill history of each bill introduced and amended in each
15 current legislative session.

16 (4) The bill status of each bill introduced and amended in each
17 current legislative session.

18 (5) All bill analyses prepared by legislative committees in
19 connection with each bill in each current legislative session.

20 (6) All vote information concerning each bill in each current
21 legislative session.

22 (7) Any veto message concerning a bill in each current
23 legislative session.

24 (8) *Information described in paragraphs (2) to (7), inclusive,*
25 *for each legislative session after final adjournment of the session,*
26 *commencing with the 1993–1994 Regular Session of the*
27 *Legislature.*

28 ~~(8)~~

29 (9) The California Codes.

30 ~~(9)~~

31 (10) The California Constitution.

32 ~~(10)~~

33 (11) All statutes enacted on or after January 1, 1993.

34 (b) The information identified in subdivision (a) shall be made
35 available to the public by means of access by way of the largest
36 nonproprietary, nonprofit cooperative public computer network.
37 The information shall be made available in one or more formats
38 and by one or more means in order to provide the greatest feasible

1 access to the general public in this state. Any person who accesses
2 the information may access all or any part of the information. The
3 information may also be made available by any other means of
4 access that would facilitate public access to the information. The
5 information that is maintained in the legislative information system
6 that is operated and maintained by the Legislative Counsel shall
7 be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information
8 is available in the information system. The information that is not
9 maintained in the information system shall be made available in
10 the shortest feasible time after it is available to the Legislative
11 Counsel.

12 (c) Any documentation that describes the electronic digital
13 formats of the information identified in subdivision (a) and is
14 available to the public shall be made available by means of access
15 by way of the computer network specified in subdivision (b).

16 (d) Personal information concerning a person who accesses the
17 information may be maintained only for the purpose of providing
18 service to the person.

19 (e) No fee or other charge may be imposed by the Legislative
20 Counsel as a condition of accessing the information that is
21 accessible by way of the computer network specified in subdivision
22 (b).

23 (f) The electronic public access provided by way of the computer
24 network specified in subdivision (b) shall be in addition to other
25 electronic or print distribution of the information.

26 (g) No action taken pursuant to this section shall be deemed to
27 alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or
28 entitlement of the State of California relating to any of the
29 information made available pursuant to this section.

30 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
31 ~~legislation that increases the transparency of the legislative process.~~