

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2595

Introduced by Assembly Member Linder

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 8685.4 of the Government Code, relating to disaster assistance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2595, as introduced, Linder. Disaster assistance: local agency allocations.

Under the California Disaster Assistance Act, a local agency is required to make application to the Director of Emergency Services for state financial assistance within 60 days after the date of the proclamation of a local emergency.

This bill would make technical, nonsustantive changes to that provision.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 8685.4 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 8685.4. (a) A local agency shall make application to the
4 director for state financial assistance within 60 days after the date
5 of the proclamation of a local emergency. The director may extend
6 the time for this filing only under unusual circumstances. No
7 financial aid shall be provided until a state agency, upon the request
8 of the director, has first investigated and reported upon the

1 proposed work, has estimated the cost of the work, and has filed
2 its report with the director within 60 days from the date the local
3 agency made application, unless the director extends the time
4 because of unusual circumstances. The estimate of cost of the work
5 may include expenditures made by the local agency for the work
6 prior to the making of the estimate. If the reporting state agency
7 fails to report its findings within the 60-day period, and time is not
8 extended by the director, the director may complete the
9 investigation and recover a proportionate amount allocated to the
10 state agency for the balance of the investigation.—“Unusual
11 circumstances,” as used above, are

12 (b) For purposes of this section, “unusual circumstances” are
13 unavoidable delays that result from recurrence of a disaster,
14 prolonged severe weather within a one-year period, or other
15 conditions beyond the control of the applicant. Delays resulting
16 from administrative procedures are not unusual circumstances
17 which warrant extensions of time.