

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2612**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Brown**

February 19, 2016

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An act to amend Section 5621 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2612, as introduced, Brown. Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program: definitions.

The Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program Act requires annual grants to be made to cities, counties, and districts for recreational purposes, open-space purposes, or both, on the basis of population and need, as specified. The act defines certain terms for these purposes.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these definitions.

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 5621 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 5621. As used in this chapter:
- 4 (a) "City" and "county" both include the City and County of
- 5 San Francisco; ~~"county" Francisco.~~ "County" does not include a
- 6 county service area, or zone ~~therein~~, *in a county service area*,
- 7 within the County of San Bernardino empowered to provide public
- 8 park and recreation services pursuant to the County Service Area

1 Law (Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 25210) of Part 2 of  
 2 Division 2 of Title 3 of the Government Code).

3 (b) “Districts” means regional park districts formed under Article  
 4 3 (commencing with Section 5500) of Chapter 3; recreation and  
 5 park districts formed under Chapter 4 (commencing with Section  
 6 5780); ~~any~~ a public utility district formed under Division 7  
 7 (commencing with Section 15501) of the Public Utilities Code in  
 8 a nonurbanized area that employs a full-time park and recreation  
 9 director and offers year-round park and recreation services on  
 10 lands and facilities owned by the district; ~~any~~ a community services  
 11 district formed under Division 3 (commencing with Section 61000)  
 12 of Title 6 of the Government Code in a nonurbanized area ~~which~~  
 13 *that* is authorized to provide public recreation ~~as specified in~~  
 14 ~~subdivision (e) of Section 61600 of the Government Code; any~~  
 15 *recreation; a* memorial district formed under Chapter 1  
 16 (commencing with Section 1170) of Division 6 of the Military and  
 17 Veterans Code that employs a full-time park and recreation director  
 18 and offers year-round park and recreation services on lands and  
 19 facilities owned by the district; the Malaga County Water District  
 20 exercising powers authorized under Section 31133 of the Water  
 21 Code; ~~and any~~ a county service area, or zone ~~therein; in a county~~  
 22 *service area*, within the County of San Bernardino ~~which that~~ is  
 23 empowered to provide public park and recreation services pursuant  
 24 to the County Service Area Law (Chapter 2.5 (commencing with  
 25 Section 25210) of Part 2 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the Government  
 26 Code), which is actually providing public park and recreation  
 27 services, ~~and which that~~ was reorganized prior to January 1, 1987,  
 28 from a park and recreation district to a county service area or zone.

29 (c) “Urbanized area” consists of a central city or cities and  
 30 surrounding closely settled territory, as determined by the  
 31 Department of Finance on the basis of the most recent verifiable  
 32 census data. “Urbanized county” means ~~any~~ a county with a  
 33 population of 200,000 or more, as determined by the Department  
 34 of Finance on the basis of the most recent verifiable census data.

35 (d) “Heavily urbanized area” means a large city with a  
 36 population of 300,000 or more and a large county or regional park  
 37 district with a population of 1,000,000 or more, as determined by  
 38 the Department of Finance on the basis of the most recent verifiable  
 39 census data.

1 (e) “Nonurbanized area” means ~~any~~ a city, county, or district  
2 ~~which that~~ does not qualify as an urbanized area or urbanized  
3 county under the definitions in subdivision (c).

4 (f) “Block grant” means the allocation of moneys for one or  
5 more projects for the acquisition or development of recreational  
6 lands and facilities.

7 (g) “Need basis grant” means the allocation of moneys for one  
8 or more projects for the acquisition or development of recreational  
9 lands and facilities on a project-by-project basis, based upon need.

10 (h) “Account” means the Roberti-Z’berg-Harris Urban  
11 Open-Space and Recreation Program Account in the General Fund.

12 (i) “Special major maintenance project” means a rehabilitation  
13 or refurbishing activity performed on an annual or more infrequent  
14 interval, excluding capital improvements and routinized or other  
15 regularly scheduled and performed tasks such as grounds mowing,  
16 hedge trimming, garbage removal, and watering. Special major  
17 maintenance project includes activities ~~which that~~ will reduce  
18 energy requirements to operate recreational lands or facilities.

19 (j) “Innovative recreation program” means specially designed,  
20 creative social, cultural, and human service activities ~~which that~~  
21 by their nature are intended to respond to the unique and otherwise  
22 unmet recreation needs of special urban populations, including,  
23 but not limited to, senior citizens, physically or emotionally  
24 ~~handicapped~~, *handicapped persons*, chronic and “new” poor, single  
25 parents, “latchkey” children, and minorities. The term includes  
26 special transportation programs designed to facilitate access of  
27 these groups to parks and recreational programs and facilities.