

Senate Bill No. 1681

CHAPTER 868

An act relating to school district reorganization.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1681, Karnette. Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Existing law requires each person subject to compulsory full-time education to attend the school in which the residency of either the parent or legal guardian is located, subject to specified exceptions.

This bill would, commencing with the 1999–2000 school year, make the area of Eastview in Los Angeles County, which is currently part of the Los Angeles Unified School District, an optional attendance area by authorizing parents and legal guardians who reside in that area to make an election for each pupil when the pupil enters elementary school and middle school as to whether that pupil will attend schools in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District or the Los Angeles Unified School District. The bill would make a declaration of special circumstances in that regard. The new duties imposed on the affected school districts by this bill would constitute 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, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Commencing with the 1999–2000 school year, the area of Eastview as delineated in subdivision (c) is an optional attendance area. Parents and legal guardians residing in the area of Eastview may make an election for each pupil as to whether that pupil will attend schools in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District or the Los Angeles Unified School District. For the 1999–2000



school year, the parents or legal guardians of all pupils who reside in the area of Eastview may make an election by March 1, 1999, as to the school district their child or children will attend. For the 2000–01 school year and each subsequent school year, the parents or legal guardians residing in the area of Eastview shall make their initial election as to the school district their child or children will attend by May 1 of the school year in which the pupil first enters elementary school, and shall make a second election by May 1 of the school year in which the pupil enters middle school. Parents or legal guardians who newly move into the area of Eastview shall make their initial election as to the school district their child or children will attend when the parents or legal guardians first enroll their child or children in public school.

(b) Any school facility belonging to the Los Angeles Unified School District that is located in the area delineated in subdivision (c) shall remain the property of the Los Angeles Unified School District. The status of an employee as an employee of the Los Angeles Unified School District shall not be affected by this act.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the following are the boundaries of the area in Eastview in Los Angeles County: begin at the southeast corner of Tract #19028 as shown on map filed in book 587, pages 83 and 84, of maps in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, said corner being angle point in the boundary of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes as same existed on November 1, 1978; thence northerly along the boundary of the City of Rolling Hills Estates as same existed on said date to its first intersection with the boundary of the City of Lomita as same existed on said date; thence easterly along said less mentioned boundary and following the same in all its various courses to the intersection of the northerly line of Lot 1 of Tract #3192 as shown on map filed in book 44, pages 91 to 94, inclusive, of said maps and the centerline of Western Avenue as shown on map filed in book 77, page 88, of record of surveys, in the office of said recorder; thence southerly along said centerline and continuing southerly along the centerline of Western Avenue as shown on map of Tract #24436 filed in book 653, pages 96 to 100, inclusive, of said maps to the centerline of Westmont Drive as shown on map of parcel map #5375 filed in book 63, pages 92 and 93, of parcel maps in the office of said recorder; thence continuing southerly along the centerline of Western Avenue as shown on said last mentioned map a distance of 67 feet; hence easterly at right angles from said last mentioned centerline a distance of 50 feet to the northerly terminous of that certain course having a bearing and length of N1343 feet 42 inches East along that certain 27 foot radius curve in said last mentioned boundary of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, hence northerly along said last mentioned boundary to the point of beginning.



SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that, for Section 1 of this act, a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique circumstances of the area of Eastview. The facts constituting the special circumstances are these:

The residents of the area of Eastview in Los Angeles County are part of the community of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, as that area was annexed to that city in 1983. Thus, the residents of that area should be allowed to participate in the events and activities that surround that community, including those that are sponsored by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. The school district boundaries were not changed in 1983 when the city boundaries were changed which resulted in leaving the residents of the area of Eastview within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Unified School District and thereby with a different academic and recreational schedule than the community in which they actually reside. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to grant to residents of the area of Eastview the right to enroll their children in the school district of the community that they belong to and identify with.

SEC. 3. This act shall become operative on July 1, 1999.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

