

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1959**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Romero**

February 18, 2000

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An act to add Section 7073.6 to the Government Code, relating to enterprise zones.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1959, as introduced, Romero. Enterprise zones: East Los Angeles.

The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the designation of enterprise zones by the Trade and Commerce Agency according to specified criteria, pursuant to which certain entities may receive regulatory, tax, and other incentives for private investment and employment. The act provides for the designation of not more than 39 enterprise zones by the Trade and Commerce Agency upon that agency's approval of applications from local jurisdictions.

This bill would require the agency to designate an extension of the Los Angeles Eastside enterprise zone in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, upon application by the governing body of the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of  
2 the following:

3 (a) The unincorporated area of East Los Angeles in  
4 Los Angeles County currently suffers from great  
5 economic difficulties, including high unemployment, low  
6 wages, and high rates of poverty.

7 (b) There has been a clear intent at both the federal  
8 and state levels to reform welfare and to encourage  
9 recipients to move from welfare to work. It has been  
10 acknowledged that this change will necessitate the  
11 creation of jobs in this state.

12 (c) A number of cities in Los Angeles County have  
13 faced special challenges with respect to employment and  
14 economic development.

15 (d) To bolster the economic recovery of a number of  
16 areas that still suffer from high rates of unemployment,  
17 the Legislature and the Governor approved various tax  
18 credits and incentives to assist in the recruitment and  
19 retention of businesses to certain areas of the state.

20 (e) The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the creation  
21 of enterprise zones by the Trade and Commerce Agency,  
22 according to specified criteria, pursuant to which certain  
23 entities within the zone may receive regulatory, tax, and  
24 other incentives for private investment and employment.

25 SEC. 2. Section 7073.6 is added to the Government  
26 Code, to read:

27 7073.6. (a) In addition to the enterprise zones  
28 designated pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 7073, the  
29 agency shall designate an extension of the Los Angeles  
30 Eastside enterprise zone in the unincorporated area of  
31 Los Angeles County, upon application by the governing  
32 body of the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles.

33 (b) All references in the Revenue and Taxation Code  
34 to Section 7073 of this code shall also apply to this section.

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