
Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 16, 1999

An act to add Section 54988 to the Government Code, relating to local fees and charges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 430, as introduced, Alarcon. Local fees and charges.

Existing law provides procedures for counties and other local agencies to increase or decrease fees and charges.

This bill would provide that in addition to any other remedy provided by law, the legislative body of a city, county, or city and county may enforce the payment of any fee, cost, or charge that has not been paid within 30 days of notice by making the amount of any unpaid fee, cost, or charge a special assessment against the property for which the fee, cost, or charge was levied. The bill would require the legislative body to establish a procedure for making the assessment, including notice and opportunity to be heard.

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 54988 is added to the
2 Government Code, to read:
3 54988. (a) In addition to any other remedy provided
4 by law, the legislative body of a city, county, or city and
5 county may enforce the payment of any fee, cost, or
6 charge that has not been paid within 30 days of notice

1 thereof, and that is otherwise authorized to be levied by
2 another provision of law, by making the amount of any
3 unpaid fee, cost, or charge a special assessment against
4 the property that is the subject of the product, service, or
5 regulation for which the fee, cost, or charge was levied.

6 (b) The legislative body, by ordinance, shall establish
7 a procedure for specially assessing the amount of any
8 unpaid fee, cost, or charge, that shall, at a minimum,
9 ensure appropriate notice and opportunity to be heard
10 regarding the unpaid fee, cost, or charge and that shall
11 provide some form of relief for low-income persons.

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