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SENATE BILL

No. 552

Introduced by Senator Kelley

February 19, 1999

An act to add and repeal ~~Section 128~~ *Sections 128 and 129* of the Metropolitan Water District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969), relating to metropolitan water districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 552, as amended, Kelley. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Existing

(1) *Existing* law provides for the creation of metropolitan water districts and requires a metropolitan water district to exercise its powers by and through a board of directors.

This bill would require the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, on or before February 1, 2000, to submit to the ~~Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly Rules Committee of the Legislature a report that describes all deficiencies noted in an audit conducted by the firm of Vargas Lopez and Company in the spring of 1999, and the actions the water district has taken, and is taking, to correct all of those deficiencies. The bill also would specify that the cost of the report shall not exceed \$50,000~~ *appropriate policy committees of the Legislature a report that describes all deficiencies noted in a prescribed audit and the actions that the district has taken, or is taking, to correct all of those*

deficiencies. The bill would require the district, on or before February 1, 2000, and each February 1, until January 1, 2005, or as otherwise prescribed, to submit to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature a specified report concerning the district's Inland Feeder Project. Because these provisions would impose additional responsibilities upon the district, the bill would impose 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:~~

~~(2) 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.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

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

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

1 ~~SECTION 1.~~ Section 128 is added to the Metropolitan
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 3 Water District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969),
 4 to read:
 5 Sec. 128. (a) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the
 6 Government Code, on or before February 1, 2000, the
 7 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California shall
 8 submit to the appropriate policy committees of the
 9 Legislature a report that describes all deficiencies noted
 10 in the audit conducted in the spring of 1999 on cost
 11 overruns on the Eastside Reservoir Project, and the



1 actions that the district has taken, or is taking, to correct
2 all of those deficiencies.

3 (b) This section shall remain in effect only until
4 January 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a
5 later enacted statute, that is enacted, before January 1,
6 2001, deletes or extends that date.

7 SEC. 2. Section 129 is added to the Metropolitan
8 Water District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969),
9 to read:

10 Sec. 129. (a) For purposes of this section, the
11 "project" is the Inland Feeder Project of the
12 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

13 (b) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the
14 Government Code, on or before February 1, 2000, and
15 each February 1 thereafter until completion of the
16 project, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern
17 California shall submit to the appropriate policy
18 committees of the Legislature, a report that describes all
19 of the following:

20 (1) The progress made toward completion of the
21 project.

22 (2) All expenditures of funds made for the project.

23 (3) Any variances between budgeted costs and actual
24 costs for the project.

25 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until
26 January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a
27 later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 2005,
28 deletes or extends that date.

29 ~~Water District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969),
30 to read:~~

31 ~~Sec. 128. (a) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the
32 Government Code, on or before February 1, 2000, the
33 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California shall
34 submit to the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly
35 Rules Committee of the Legislature a report that
36 describes all deficiencies noted in the audit conducted by
37 the firm of Vargas Lopez and Company in the spring of
38 1999, and the actions the water district has taken, or is
39 taking, to correct all of those deficiencies.~~



1 ~~(b) The cost of the report required by subdivision (a)~~
2 ~~shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).~~

3 ~~(c) This section shall remain in effect only until~~
4 ~~January 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a~~
5 ~~later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 2001,~~
6 ~~deletes or extends that date.~~

7 ~~SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the~~
8 ~~Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates~~
9 ~~determines that this act contains costs mandated by the~~
10 ~~state, reimbursement to local agencies and school~~
11 ~~districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7~~
12 ~~(commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title~~
13 ~~2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the~~
14 ~~claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million~~
15 ~~dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from~~
16 ~~the State Mandates Claims Fund.~~

17 *SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act*
18 *pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*
19 *Constitution because a local agency or school district has*
20 *the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments*
21 *sufficient to pay for the program or level of service*
22 *mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section 17556*
23 *of the Government Code.*

