

Introduced by Senator Mountjoy

July 14, 1999

An act to add Section 60230.1 to the Water Code, relating to water replenishment districts, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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SB 1316, as introduced, Mountjoy. Water replenishment districts.

(1) The Water Replenishment District Act provides for the formation of water replenishment districts and grants to those districts specified powers.

This bill would prohibit a water replenishment district from issuing bonds, certificates of participation, financing leases, installment sales or purchase agreements, or other evidence of indebtedness without the approval of a majority of the voters participating in a districtwide election, as specified.

(2) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. 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 60230.1 is added to the Water
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 60230.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
- 4 law, a water replenishment district created pursuant to
- 5 this division may not issue bonds of any type, certificates



1 of participation, financing leases, installment sales or
2 purchase agreements, or other evidence of indebtedness
3 without the approval of a majority of the voters
4 participating in a districtwide election.

5 (b) For the purposes of this section, a water
6 replenishment district shall be considered to be the issuer
7 of those bonds, certificates of participation, financing
8 leases, installment sales or purchase agreements, or other
9 evidence of indebtedness if the district is directly or
10 indirectly responsible for payment of the debt service on
11 that issuance.

12 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
13 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
14 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the
15 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
16 constituting the necessity are:

17 The costs imposed on residents residing, and businesses
18 operating, within a water replenishment district
19 governed under Division 18 (commencing with Section
20 60000) of the Water Code, have increased excessively
21 over the last several years, thereby placing those
22 residents and businesses at a competitive disadvantage.
23 In order to ensure that affected parties are fully aware of
24 and willing to bear the costs imposed by that district, it is
25 necessary that they be allowed, at the earliest possible
26 time, to approve, by vote, the creation of any debt to be
27 incurred by the district.

