

Introduced by Senator Alpert

February 23, 2000

An act to amend Sections 44210 and 44213 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1796, as introduced, Alpert. Teacher credentialing.

(1) Existing law establishes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, consisting of 14 members, 14 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

This bill would increase the membership of the commission to 23 members, 4 of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and 4 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(2) Existing law provides that with the exception of the 4 representatives of the public and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the appointment of a member shall terminate if he or she is no longer a practicing teacher in a public elementary or secondary school, or a person who is employed on the basis of a valid services credential, or a school administrator, or a faculty member of a college or university that grants baccalaureate degrees, or a school district governing board member in the state.

This bill would include the 4 representatives appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and the 4 representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly within the exception.

(3) Existing law provides that each appointment to the commission shall expire on November 20 of the year of the expiration of the applicable term and provides the term of office for the members' successors.

This bill would provide that, commencing July 1, 2001, 2 members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly shall be appointed to the commission for terms of 2 years, and 2 members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly shall be appointed to the commission for terms of 4 years. The bill would provide that the expiration day of the appointment and term of office for these members' successors would be the same as other members.

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. Section 44210 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 44210. There is hereby established in the state
4 government the Commission on Teacher Credentialing,
5 to consist of ~~15~~ 23 voting members, 14 of whom shall be
6 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent
7 of the Senate, as specified in subdivisions (b) to (g),
8 inclusive. The commission shall consist of the following
9 members:

10 (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or
11 her designee.

12 (b) Six practicing teachers from public elementary
13 and secondary schools in California.

14 (c) One person who is employed on the basis of a
15 services credential other than an administrative services
16 credential.

17 (d) One member of a school district governing board.

18 (e) Four representatives of the public. None of these
19 persons shall have been employed by an elementary or
20 secondary school district in a position requiring
21 certification, or shall have served as a school district



1 governing board member in the five-year period
2 immediately prior to his or her appointment to the
3 commission.

4 (f) One school administrator in a public elementary or
5 secondary school in California.

6 (g) One faculty member from a college or university
7 that grants baccalaureate degrees.

8 (h) *Four representatives appointed by the Senate*
9 *Committee on Rules.*

10 (i) *Four representatives appointed by the Speaker of*
11 *the Assembly.*

12 With the exception of the four representatives of the
13 public, *the four representatives appointed by the Senate*
14 *Committee on Rules, the four representatives appointed*
15 *by the Speaker of the Assembly,* and the Superintendent
16 of Public Instruction, the appointment of a member shall
17 terminate if he or she is no longer a practicing teacher in
18 a public elementary or secondary school, or a person who
19 is employed on the basis of a valid services credential, or
20 a school administrator, or a faculty member of a college
21 or university that grants baccalaureate degrees, or a
22 school district governing board member, as may be the
23 case, in California.

24 Not more than one member of the commission is to be
25 appointed from the same school district or college or
26 university campus.

27 The term of each member appointed to the
28 commission on or prior to June 30, 1989, shall expire on
29 July 1, 1989. It is the intent of the Legislature that as of July
30 1, 1989, the Governor first appoint to the commission, as
31 feasible, members of the Commission on Teacher
32 Credentialing whose terms, notwithstanding this section,
33 would not have expired, to facilitate the transition to a
34 commission with a reduced membership. Commencing
35 July 1, 1989, four members shall be appointed to the
36 commission for terms of two years, five members for
37 terms of three years, and five members of terms of four
38 years. *Commencing July 1, 2001, two members appointed*
39 *by the Senate Committee on Rules and two members*
40 *appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly shall be*



1 *appointed to the commission for terms of two years, and*
2 *two members appointed by the Senate Committee on*
3 *Rules and two members appointed by the Speaker of the*
4 *Assembly shall be appointed to the commission for terms*
5 *of four years.*

6 (h) Each appointment pursuant to this section shall
7 expire on November 20 of the year of expiration of the
8 applicable term. All appointments made pursuant to this
9 section shall be subject to Section 44213.

10 SEC. 2. Section 44213 of the Education Code is
11 amended to read:

12 44213. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to
13 Section 44210, upon the expiration of the term of office of
14 an appointive member of the commission, the member's
15 successor shall be appointed for a term of four years. No
16 person shall be appointed by the Governor, *the Senate*
17 *Committee on Rules, or the Speaker of the Assembly, as*
18 *the case may be*, to serve more than two consecutive full
19 terms. Prior service on the commission for a term of less
20 than three years resulting from an initial appointment or
21 an appointment for the remainder of an unexpired term
22 shall not be counted as a full term.

