

**Introduced by Committee on Health and Human Services
(Senators Escutia (Chair), Figueroa, Hughes, Polanco,
Solis, and Vasconcellos)**

February 25, 2000

An act to add Section 18901.8 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to food stamps.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2013, as introduced, Committee on Health and Human Services. Food Stamp Program: application form.

Existing law provides for the Food Stamp Program, under which each county distributes food stamps allocated to this state by the federal government to eligible households.

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services, in conjunction with affected stakeholder groups, and subject to federal approval, to develop and implement a simplified shortened Food Stamp Program application form.

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 18901.8 is added to the Welfare
- 2 and Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 18901.8. (a) To the extent feasible and permissible
- 4 under federal law, and with receipt of necessary federal
- 5 approvals, the State Department of Social Services, in
- 6 conjunction with affected stakeholder groups, shall
- 7 develop and implement a simplified and shorter

1 enrollment form for the Food Stamp Program. The
2 department shall seek any federal approvals necessary for
3 implementation of the form.

4 (b) The department shall, as part of the process for
5 development of the form required pursuant to
6 subdivision (a), examine the benefits of combining the
7 form with application forms for the CalWORKs,
8 Medi-Cal, or other programs, and decide whether to
9 combine the shortened Food Stamp Program form with
10 application forms for other programs. The department
11 shall communicate its decision on combining application
12 forms to the Legislature not later than July 1, 2001.

