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DIVISION 8.5. MELLO-GRANLUND OLDER CALIFORNIANS ACT [9000 - 9850] (*Division 8.5 repealed and added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 1097, Sec. 13.*)

CHAPTER 4. California Senior Legislature [9300 - 9305] (*Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 1097, Sec. 13.*)

9300. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the needs of senior citizens for public programs in health, social services, recreation, transportation, education, housing, cultural services, and other appropriate areas of service can best be assessed by senior citizens.

(b) The Legislature also finds and declares that the California Senior Legislature, having been in continuous service since first provided for in 1980, and since its first session in 1981, and having proved its usefulness in providing model legislation for older citizens and advocating for the needs of seniors, shall be established through this chapter and shall operate according to the procedures set forth in this chapter.

(*Repealed and added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 1097, Sec. 13. Effective January 1, 1997.*)

9301. (a) The California Senior Legislature shall be composed of two houses, the California Senior Senate, composed of 40 members, and the California Senior Assembly, composed of 80 members.

(b) Members of the California Senior Legislature shall serve two-year terms.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), members elected or appointed to the California Senior Legislature on or after January 1, 2006, shall serve four-year terms.

(*Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 633, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2005. Operative July 1, 2006, or sooner, as prescribed by Sec. 9 of Ch. 633.*)

9302. The members of the California Senior Legislature shall be elected or appointed, in all 33 planning and service areas in California, according to rules developed by the California Senior Legislature in cooperation with the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

(*Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 633, Sec. 6. Effective January 1, 2005. Operative July 1, 2006, or sooner, as prescribed by Sec. 9 of Ch. 633.*)

9304. The California Senior Legislature shall have the full authority to define its program and utilize its funds in any way necessary to carry out the duties of this chapter, provided that no such program or activity is in violation of state law or regulation.

(*Repealed and added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 1097, Sec. 13. Effective January 1, 1997.*)

9304.5. (a) The California Senior Legislature shall enter into a mutually agreed-upon interagency agreement with a state entity to carry out administrative duties related to its program.

(b) The California Senior Legislature shall identify the state entity for purposes of subdivision (a) by May 1, 2005, in order to meet the budget proposal cycle to achieve a transition of responsibilities in the 2006–07 fiscal year.

(c) This section does not preclude the California Senior Legislature from entering into mutually agreed-upon interagency agreements for any subsequent fiscal year.

(*Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 633, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 2005. Operative July 1, 2006, or sooner, as prescribed by Sec. 9 of Ch. 633.*)

9305. (a) The funds for the California Senior Legislature shall be allocated from the California Senior Legislature Fund or from private funds directed to the Legislature for the purpose of funding activities of the California Senior Legislature.

(b) The California Senior Legislature may accept gifts and grants from any source, public or private, to help perform its functions, pursuant to Section 9304.

