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AB-467 Local transportation authorities: transactions and use taxes. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Bill No. 467

CHAPTER 640

An act to amend Section 180203 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 467, Mullin. Local transportation authorities: transactions and use taxes.

The Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act provides for the creation in any county of a local transportation authority and authorizes the imposition by the authority, by ordinance, of a retail transactions and use tax, subject to approval of the ordinance by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the voters. Existing law provides for the authority to adopt a transportation expenditure plan for the proceeds of the tax, and requires the entire adopted transportation expenditure plan to be included in the voter information guide sent to voters.

This bill, upon the request of an authority, would exempt a county elections official from including the entire adopted transportation expenditure plan in the voter information guide, if the authority posts the plan on its Internet Web site, and the sample ballot and the voter information guide sent to voters include information on viewing an electronic version of the plan on the Internet Web site, as prescribed, and for obtaining a printed copy of the plan by calling the county elections office. The bill would require the county elections official to mail a printed copy of the plan at no cost to each person requesting a copy, if the county elections official exercises this authority.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 180203 of the Public Utilities Code is amended to read:

180203. (a) The county shall conduct the special election called by the board of supervisors pursuant to Section 180201. If the measure is approved, the authority shall reimburse the county for its cost in conducting the special election.

(b) The special election shall be called and conducted in the same manner as provided by law for the conduct of special elections by a county.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), the sample ballot to be mailed to the voters, pursuant to Section 13303 of the Elections Code, shall be the full proposition, as set forth in the ordinance calling the election, and the voter information guide shall include the entire adopted county transportation expenditure plan.

(2) (A) A county elections official, upon the request of an authority that posts the entire adopted county transportation expenditure plan on an Internet Web site maintained by the authority, may comply with paragraph (1) by printing, in the sample ballot, immediately below the full proposition, and in the voter information guide, in no less than 10-point bold type, text substantially as follows: "The adopted county transportation expenditure plan may be viewed electronically at [insert applicable Internet Web site address]. If you desire a printed copy of the adopted county transportation expenditure plan, please call the county elections office at [insert applicable telephone number] and one will be mailed to you at no cost." If the county elections official exercises the authority under this paragraph, the county elections official shall provide a printed copy of the entire adopted county transportation expenditure plan by mail to each person requesting a copy.

(B) A county that posts the entire adopted county transportation expenditure plan on an Internet Web site pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall ensure that the plan is posted in a manner that is easily accessible to voters.