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**AB-2600 Regional park and open space districts.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Bill No. 2600**

**CHAPTER 218**

An act to add Section 5503.5 to the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

[ Approved by Governor August 27, 2018. Filed with Secretary of State August 27, 2018. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 2600, Flora. Regional park and open space districts.

Existing law authorizes proceedings for the formation of a regional park, park and open-space, or open-space district to be initiated pursuant to a petition signed by at least 5,000 electors residing within the proposed district territory and presented to the county board of supervisors, as specified. Existing law also authorizes proceedings for district formation in specified counties to be initiated by resolution of the county board of supervisors adopted after a noticed hearing, and specifies the contents of the resolution.

This bill would, in lieu of the petition described above, authorize the formation of a district by the adoption of a resolution of application by the legislative body of any county or city that contains the territory proposed to be included in the district. The bill would require the resolution to contain certain information, including the methods by which the district would be financed. The bill would require a public hearing before the adoption of the resolution, as provided.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 5503.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

**5503.5.** (a) In lieu of a petition described in Section 5503, a proposal to form a new district may also be made by the adoption of a resolution of application by the legislative body of any county or city that contains the territory proposed to be included in the district.

(b) The resolution of application shall contain all of the following:

- (1) The methods by which the district will be financed, including, but not limited to, special taxes and fees.
- (2) The proposed name for the district and the reasons for forming it.
- (3) A description of the territory to be included in the district.

(c) Before adopting a resolution of application, the legislative body shall hold a public hearing on the resolution. Notice of the hearing shall be published pursuant to Section 6061 of the Government Code in one or more newspapers of general circulation

within the county or city and on the city or county's Internet Web site. At least 20 days before the hearing, the legislative body shall give mailed notice of its hearing to the executive officer of the local agency formation commission of the principal county. The notice shall generally describe the proposed formation of the district and the territory proposed to be included in the district.

(d) At the hearing, the legislative body shall give any person an opportunity to present his or her views on the resolution of application.

(e) The clerk of the legislative body shall file a certified copy of the resolution of application with the executive officer of the local agency formation commission of the principal county.