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**AB-1822 Local Government: omnibus.** (2019-2020)

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**Assembly Bill No. 1822**

**CHAPTER 20**

An act to amend Sections 56074, 56133, 56663, 57077, and 57103 of, and to add Section 56074.5 to, the Government Code, and to repeal Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 805 of the Statutes of 2004, relating to local government.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1822, Committee on Local Government. Local Government: omnibus.

(1) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (the act) provides the authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization, reorganization, and sphere of influence changes for cities and districts, as specified. Existing law requires a commission to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each city and each special district within the county and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within each sphere. Existing law requires the commission, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence in accordance with this requirement, to conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the commission, as specified. Existing law defines "sphere of influence" to mean a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency. Existing law defines the term "service" for purposes of the act to mean a specific governmental activity established within, and as a part of, a general function of the special district, as specified.

This bill would revise the definition of the term "service" for these purposes to mean a specific governmental activity established within, and as a part of, a function of the local agency. This bill would also define the term "service review," for purposes of the act, to mean an analysis conducted by the commission documenting and analyzing the services in a particular geographic region or jurisdictional area, pursuant to the process described above.

(2) Existing law authorizes a city or district to provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside its jurisdictional boundary only if it first requests and receives written approval from the applicable local agency formation commission. Existing law, if consistent with adopted policy, authorizes the commission to authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary and outside its sphere of influence to respond to an existing or impending threat to the health or safety of the public or the residents of the affected territory if specified conditions are met.

This bill would eliminate the requirement that the authorization by the commission be consistent with adopted policy.

(3) Existing law requires the commission, after adoption of a resolution making determinations on an application for a change of organization or reorganization by the commission, to follow specified procedures to conduct protest proceedings. Existing law authorizes the commission to waive protest proceedings under certain circumstances for, among other things, a change of organization that consists of the formation of a county service area that would otherwise require the conduct of protest proceedings.

This bill would specify that the commission may waive protest proceedings following commission approval for a change of organization that consists of the formation of a county service area, as specified.

(4) Existing law requires the commission to order a change of organization or reorganization subject to confirmation of the voters if the change of organization or reorganization consists of an incorporation or disincorporation, as specified.

This bill would additionally require the commission to order a change of organization or reorganization subject to confirmation of the voters if the change of organization or reorganization consists of a consolidation of two or more cities.

(5) Existing law subjects any order in any resolution adopted by a commission ordering the dissolution of a local hospital district to conformation by the voters, as specified. Existing law, notwithstanding that provision, authorizes a commission, if a change of organization consists of the dissolution of a district that is consistent with a specified prior action of the commission, to order the dissolution either without an election or protest proceedings if the dissolution meets certain requirements.

This bill would make clarifying changes to the above provisions.

(6) Existing law prohibits the commission in the County of Ventura, on or before December 31, 2007, from imposing a condition that requires the City of Simi Valley to initiate proceedings on a proposal for a change of organization or reorganization unless the territory that would be affected is contiguous and physically related to the affected territory.

This bill would repeal this provision.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 56074 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**56074.** "Service" means a specific governmental activity established within, and as a part of, a function of a local agency.

**SEC. 2.** Section 56074.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

**56074.5.** "Service review" means an analysis conducted by the commission documenting and analyzing the services in a particular geographic region or jurisdictional area pursuant to the requirements of Section 56430.

**SEC. 3.** Section 56133 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**56133.** (a) A city or district may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside its jurisdictional boundary only if it first requests and receives written approval from the commission.

(b) The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary but within its sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization.

(c) The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary and outside its sphere of influence to respond to an existing or impending threat to the health or safety of the public or the residents of the affected territory, if both of the following requirements are met:

(1) The entity applying for approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents.

(2) The commission has notified any alternate service provider, including any water corporation as defined in Section 241 of the Public Utilities Code, that has filed a map and a statement of its service capabilities with the commission.

(d) The executive officer, within 30 days of receipt of a request for approval by a city or district to extend services outside its jurisdictional boundary, shall determine whether the request is complete and acceptable for filing or whether the request is incomplete. If a request is determined not to be complete, the executive officer shall immediately transmit that determination to the requester, specifying those parts of the request that are incomplete and the manner in which they can be made complete. When the request is deemed complete, the executive officer shall place the request on the agenda of the next commission meeting for which adequate notice can be given but not more than 90 days from the date that the request is deemed complete, unless the commission has delegated approval of requests made pursuant to this section to the executive officer. The commission or executive officer shall approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions the extended services. If the new or extended services are disapproved or approved with conditions, the applicant may request reconsideration, citing the reasons for reconsideration.

(e) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Two or more public agencies where the public service to be provided is an alternative to, or substitute for, public services already being provided by an existing public service provider and where the level of service to be provided is consistent with the level of service contemplated by the existing service provider.

(2) The transfer of nonpotable or nontreated water.

(3) The provision of surplus water to agricultural lands and facilities, including, but not limited to, incidental residential structures, for projects that serve conservation purposes or that directly support agricultural industries. However, prior to extending surplus water service to any project that will support or induce development, the city or district shall first request and receive written approval from the commission in the affected county.

(4) An extended service that a city or district was providing on or before January 1, 2001.

(5) A local publicly owned electric utility, as defined by Section 9604 of the Public Utilities Code, providing electric services that do not involve the acquisition, construction, or installation of electric distribution facilities by the local publicly owned electric utility, outside of the utility's jurisdictional boundary.

(6) A fire protection contract, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 56134.

(f) This section applies only to the commission of the county in which the extension of service is proposed.

**SEC. 4.** Section 56663 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**56663.** For a change of organization consisting of an annexation or a detachment, or a reorganization consisting solely of annexations or detachments, or both, or the formation of a county service area that would otherwise require the conduct of protest proceedings after commission approval pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 56881, the commission may waive protest proceedings pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with Section 57000) if all of the following have occurred:

(a) The mailed notice pursuant to Section 56157 has been given to landowners and registered voters within the affected territory.

(b) The mailed notice discloses to the registered voters and landowners that unless written opposition to the proposal is received before the conclusion of the commission proceedings on the proposal, the commission intends to waive protest proceedings. The notice shall disclose that there is potential for the extension or continuation of any previously authorized charge, fee, assessment, or tax by the local agency in the affected territory.

(c) Written opposition to the proposal from landowners or registered voters within the affected territory is not received before the conclusion of the commission proceedings on the proposal.

**SEC. 5.** Section 57077 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**57077.** If a change of organization consists of an incorporation, disincorporation, or consolidation of two or more cities, or if a reorganization includes an incorporation, disincorporation, or consolidation of two or more cities, the commission shall order the change of organization or reorganization subject to confirmation of the voters. A protest proceeding shall not be conducted.

**SEC. 6.** Section 57103 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**57103.** Any order in any resolution adopted by the commission on or after January 1, 1986, ordering the dissolution of a local hospital district, organized pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 32000) of the Health and Safety Code, is subject to confirmation by the voters unless dissolution of the local hospital district meets the requirements set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 57077.1.

**SEC. 7.** Section 1 of Chapter 805 of the Statutes of 2004 is repealed.

**SEC. 8.** Section 2 of Chapter 805 of the Statutes of 2004 is repealed.