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**AB-588 Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Act: board members.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Bill No. 588**

**CHAPTER 37**

An act to amend Section 402 of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Act (Chapter 257 of the Statutes of 1984), relating to the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency.

[ Approved by Governor July 06, 2023. Filed with Secretary of State July 06, 2023. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 588, Robert Rivas. Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Act: board members.

Existing law, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Act, specifies qualifications for the 7-member board of directors that governs the agency, 4 of whom are elected and 3 of whom are appointed. Existing law requires that the 3 appointed members reside within the jurisdiction of the appointing power, derive at least 51% of their net income from the production of agricultural products, as certified by affidavit, and be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County, and the City of Watsonville, respectively.

This bill would require the appointee of the City of Watsonville to instead have a primary income that involves or, if the appointee is retired, did involve, a close and continuing relationship with the Pajaro Valley agricultural industry.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 402 of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Act (Chapter 257 of the Statutes of 1984) is amended to read:

**Sec.402.** The agency shall be governed by the board of directors. The board shall consist of seven members selected in accordance with this act. Each member of the board shall be a voter of and a resident within the agency. Four members of the board shall be elected as provided in Section 403. Three members of the board shall be appointed. The appointed members of the board shall reside within the jurisdiction of the appointing power and shall be appointed by the following agencies: one member each by the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County, and the City of Watsonville. The appointees of the Boards of Supervisors of Monterey County and Santa Cruz County shall derive at least 51 percent of their net income from the production of agricultural products, as certified by affidavit. The appointee of the City of Watsonville shall have a primary income that involves or, if the appointee is retired, did involve, a close and continuing relationship with the Pajaro Valley agricultural industry. The appointments may be made from lists of not less than three nor more than five persons submitted to the appointing power for each vacancy by the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau and the Monterey County Farm Bureau.