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Senate Bill No. 994

CHAPTER 28

An act to add Section 6539.9.1 to the Government Code, relating to local government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 994, Roth. Local government: joint powers authority: transfer of authority.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Act authorizes 2 or more public agencies, by agreement, to form a joint powers authority to exercise any power common to the contracting parties, as specified. Existing law authorizes the agreement to set forth the manner by which the joint powers authority will be governed.

This bill would, for purposes of streamlining the return of land use authority from the March Joint Powers Authority to the County of Riverside and ensuring the continued maintenance of public infrastructure, authorize the authority to transfer jurisdiction over any landscaping and lighting maintenance districts and any community facilities districts, as specified.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the County of Riverside and the Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, and Riverside.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 6539.9.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:

6539.9.1. (a) Notwithstanding any law, for purposes of streamlining the return of land use authority to the County of Riverside and ensuring the continued maintenance of public infrastructure, the March Joint Powers Authority may do any of the following:

- (1) Transfer jurisdiction over any landscaping and lighting maintenance districts, established pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Part 2 (commencing with Section 22500) of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code), to the County of Riverside pursuant to a joint resolution setting forth the mutually agreed upon terms and conditions under which the transfer is to take place.
- (2) Transfer jurisdiction over any community facilities districts, established pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 53311) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5), to the County of Riverside pursuant to the requirements of that act and in the same manner as a county may transfer the authority for the governance of those districts to a city under that act.

- (b) For purposes of this section, the "March Joint Powers Authority" means a public entity created pursuant to this article and composed of the Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, and Riverside and the County of Riverside.
- **SEC. 2.** The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique circumstances in the County of Riverside and the Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, and Riverside.