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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 65

Introduced by Senator Gonzalez

February 07, 2024

Relative to the Standing Rules of the Senate for the 2023–24 Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 65, Gonzalez.

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Standing Rules of the Senate for the 2023–24 Regular Session are amended as follows:

First—That Rule 12 is amended to read:

Standing Committees

12. The standing committees of the Senate and subjects to be referred to each are set out below. The provisions set forth below as to the assignment of bills are intended as a guide to the Committee on Rules, but are not binding upon the committee.

(1) Agriculture. Bills relating to agriculture.

(2) Appropriations. Bills that are subject to Joint Rule 10.5 and are not referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. Bills that constitute a state-mandated local program.

(3) Banking and Financial Institutions. Bills relating to financial institutions, lending, and corporations.

(4) Budget and Fiscal Review. The Budget Bill and bills implementing the Budget. Bills that directly affect the State Budget, including deficiencies and reappropriations.

(5) Business, Professions and Economic Development. Bills relating to business and professional practices, licensing, and regulations. Bills relating to economic development, commerce, and international trade.

(6) Education. Bills relating to education, higher education, and related programs. Bills relating to education employee issues and collective bargaining.

(7) Elections and Constitutional Amendments. Bills relating to elections and constitutional amendments, ballot measures, the Political Reform Act of 1974, and elected officials.

(8) Energy, Utilities and Communications. Bills relating to public utilities and carriers, energy companies, alternative energy development and conservation, and communications development and technology.

(9) Environmental Quality. Bills relating to environmental quality, environmental health, air quality, water quality, waste management, recycling, toxics, and hazardous materials and waste.

(10) Governmental Organization. Bills relating to horse racing, public gaming, and alcoholic beverages. Bills relating to the management of public safety emergencies and disaster response. Bills relating to state government organization and bills regarding the use of state-controlled lands and buildings, state contracting, and interstate compacts.

(11) Health. Bills relating to public health, alcohol and drug use, mental health, health insurance, managed care, long-term care, and related institutions.

(12) Housing. Bills relating to housing and community redevelopment.

(13) Human Services. Bills relating to welfare, social services and support, and related institutions.

(14) Insurance. Bills relating to insurance, indemnity, surety, and warranty agreements.

(15) Judiciary. Bills amending the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, Evidence Code, Family Code, and Probate Code. Bills relating to courts, judges, and court personnel. Bills relating to liens, claims, and unclaimed property. Bills relating to privacy and consumer protection.

(16) Labor, Public Employment and Retirement. Bills relating to labor, industrial safety, unemployment, workers' compensation and insurance. Bills relating to state and local public agency collective bargaining; state and local nonschool public employees; noncertificated and classified public school employees; public retirement systems; public employees' compensation and employment benefits, including retirement and health care; and state social security administration.

(17) Local Government. Bills relating to local governmental procedure and organization. Bills relating to land use. Bills that have been considered by other committees having jurisdiction of the appropriate subject, for consideration of any questions relating to local government administration.

(18) Military and Veterans Affairs. Bills relating to veterans, military affairs, and armories. Bills amending the Military and Veterans Code.

(19) Natural Resources and Water. Bills relating to conservation and the management of public resources, fish and wildlife, regulation of oil, mining, geothermal development, wetlands and lakes, global atmospheric effects, ocean and bay pollution, coastal resources, forestry practices, recreation, parks, and historical resources. Bills relating to water supply management.

(20) Public Safety. Bills amending the Evidence Code, relating to criminal procedure; the Penal Code; and statutes of a penal nature. Bills relating to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Board of State and Community Corrections.

(21) Revenue and Taxation. Bills relating to state and local revenues and taxation, except bills described in subdivision (a) of Rule 28.9.

(22) Rules. Proposed amendments to the rules and other matters relating to the business of the Legislature.

(23) Transportation. Bills relating to the operation, safety, equipment, transfer of ownership, licensing, and registration of vehicles, aircraft, and vessels. Bills relating to the Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Bills relating to highways, public transportation systems, and airports.

The standing committees of any regular session shall be the standing committees of concurrent special or extraordinary sessions unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

Second—That Rule 28.9 is amended to read:

State-Mandated Local Program Bills

28.9.(a) Any bill having a digest that, pursuant to Section 17575 of the Government Code, indicates that the bill imposes a state-mandated local program on local agencies or school districts shall be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations. The bill may not be rereferred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

(b) Any bill rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to this rule that does not appropriate money and does not contain a complete disclaimer of all of the provisions of Section 905.2 of, and Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of, the Government Code, need not be set for hearing and may, along with any nonsubstantive amendments, be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it be placed on second reading if the chair of the committee determines, after consideration of the analyses of local costs prepared by the Legislative Analyst and the Department of Finance, that (1) any additional local costs are not significant and (2) the bill will cause no significant reduction in local revenues.

For the purposes of this rule, "complete disclaimer" means a provision in a bill that prohibits local agencies and school districts from filing claims with the Commission on State Mandates for reimbursement for the costs of unfunded mandated programs or services.

(c) Whenever the Assembly amends and passes a Senate bill and the Senate must concur in the amendments, upon the request of any Senator the bill shall be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations if, based upon the Legislative Counsel's Digest of the Assembly amendments or an analysis prepared pursuant to Rule 29.8, the bill (1) imposes state-mandated local costs without providing adequate reimbursement, or (2) contains a complete disclaimer. The Committee on Appropriations shall make a recommendation to the Senate regarding whether the Senate should concur in the Assembly amendments.

(d) Any bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations solely pursuant to this rule, and that otherwise would not be rereferred to the committee pursuant to Joint Rule 10.5, is not subject to subparagraph (a)(2), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(10), (a)(12), (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(5), (b)(8), (b)(9), (b)(13), or (b)(15) of Joint Rule 61.