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AB-1323 County employees' retirement: administration: Orange County. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 1323

Introduced by Assembly Member Chen

February 21, 2025

An act *to amend Section 31521 of the Government Code*, relating to public *employees'* retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1323, as amended, Chen. ~~Public retirement.~~ *County employees' retirement: administration: Orange County.*

Existing law, the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, authorizes counties to establish retirement systems pursuant to its provisions in order to provide pension benefits to county, city, and district employees and their beneficiaries. Existing law sets forth the membership composition for boards of retirement and boards of investment, as specified. Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors for counties for which these provisions apply to provide that certain members of these boards shall receive compensation at a rate of not more than \$100 for a meeting or for a meeting of a committee authorized by the entire board.

This bill would authorize the above-described compensation rate to be increased by the board of retirement, for members in Orange County only, to not more than \$320 per meeting.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for Orange County.

~~Existing law establishes that it is the intent and purpose of the Legislature, in enacting specified provisions of law, to safeguard the solvency of all public retirement systems and funds.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to public retirement.~~

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

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

SECTION 1. *Section 31521 of the Government Code is amended to read:*

31521. (a) The board of supervisors may provide that the fourth and fifth members, and in counties having a board consisting of nine members or nine members and an alternate retired member, the fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, and alternate retired members, and in counties having a board of investments under Section 31520.2, the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth members of the board of investments, shall receive compensation at a rate of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for a meeting, or for a meeting of a committee authorized by the board, for not more than five meetings per month, together with actual and necessary expenses for all members of the board.

(b) The compensation rate established by the board of supervisors pursuant to subdivision (a) may be increased by the board of retirement to a rate of not more than three hundred twenty dollars (\$320). This subdivision shall apply only in a county of the second class.

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 facing Orange County.*

~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to public retirement.~~