

Assembly Bill No. 1082

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day of _____, 2001, at _____ o'clock __M.

Private Secretary of the Governor



CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 20441 of, to add Section 20423.5 to, and to repeal Section 20441.5 of, the Government Code, relating to public employee's retirement, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1082, Nation. Public employees' retirement: local safety members.

Under the Public Employees' Retirement Law, employees of contracting agencies classified as local safety members are entitled to generally higher benefits, and subject to higher contribution rates, than those employees classified as local miscellaneous members. County peace officers, as defined, are included within the local safety member classification. Existing law authorizes Monterey and Santa Clara Counties to designate specified park rangers as county peace officers for these purposes. Member contributions are deposited in the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, a continuously appropriated fund.

This bill would authorize contracting agencies to include specified park rangers within the local safety member classification and would expand to all county contracting agencies the authorization to designate specified employees in the Park Ranger class series as county peace officers for these purposes. The bill would make an appropriation by increasing the amount of employee contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement Fund.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 20423.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

20423.5. "Local safety member" also includes any park ranger employed by a contracting agency who is a peace officer as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 830.31 of the Penal Code and whose primary responsibility is maintaining the peace and whose



duties include law enforcement, emergency medical care first response, or fire suppression and prevention.

This section shall not apply to any contracting agency nor to the employees of a contracting agency until the agency elects to be subject to this section by amendment to its contract with the board pursuant to Section 20474, or by express provision within its contract with the board.

SEC. 2. Section 20441 of the Government Code is amended to read:

20441. “County peace officer” shall also include persons employed by a county parks and recreation department whose primary responsibility is maintaining the peace and whose duties include law enforcement, emergency medical care first response, or fire suppression and prevention in the Park Ranger class series.

This section shall not apply to the employees of any contracting agency nor to any agency unless and until the contracting agency elects to be subject to the provisions of this section by amendment to its contract with the board, made as provided in Section 20474 or by express provision in its contract with the board.

SEC. 3. Section 20441.5 of the Government Code is repealed.



Approved _____, 2001

Governor

