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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2164**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nakanishi**

February 20, 2008

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~~An act to amend Sections 6322.1, 6340, 6348, 6348.1, 6348.2, and 6361 of~~ *An act to add Section 6322.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to county law libraries.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2164, as amended, Nakanishi. County law libraries.

~~(1) Existing~~

*Existing* law requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to make monthly distributions from superior court filing fees to the law library fund in each county in specified amounts. The board of supervisors of each county was authorized, until January 1, 2008, to increase the amount distributed to its county law library fund from those filing fees whenever it determined that the increase was necessary to defray the expenses of the law library, as specified. Distribution changes after January 1, 2008, are required to be determined according to a specified process.

~~This bill instead would authorize the Administrative Office of the Courts to increase the amount distributed to a county law library fund from those filing fees whenever it determines that the increase was necessary to defray the expenses of the law library, as specified~~ *would require the commission on civil court fees established by the Judicial Council to review the level of funding needed to support county law libraries. The bill would require, no later than March 1, 2010, that the Judicial Council make recommendations to the Legislature regarding*

*funding needs, potential sources of funding, service mission and delivery models, as well as the long-term facility needs of county law libraries, as specified. The bill would require the Judicial Council to consult with specified entities before making its recommendations.*

~~(2) Existing law requires each board of law library trustees to establish and maintain a law library at the county seat, and authorizes the board to lease or construct suitable quarters therefor, as specified. Existing law requires the county board of supervisors to provide sufficient quarters for the use of the law library upon request of the board of law library trustees, except as specified.~~

~~This bill instead would require the board of law library trustees to establish and maintain a law library at the county seat in suitable quarters provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, or otherwise leased or constructed, as provided. The bill would require the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide sufficient quarters for the use of the law library upon request of the board of law library trustees, except as specified.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
 State-mandated local program: no.

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

1     SECTION 1. Section 6322.5 is added to the Business and  
 2     Professions Code, to read:  
 3     6322.5. The commission on civil court fees established by the  
 4     Judicial Council shall review the level of funding needed to support  
 5     law libraries established pursuant to this chapter. No later than  
 6     March 1, 2010, the Judicial Council shall make recommendations  
 7     to the Legislature regarding funding needs, potential sources of  
 8     funding, service mission, and delivery models, as well as the  
 9     long-term facility needs of law libraries in light of the transfer of  
 10    court facilities from counties to the Judicial Council, after  
 11    consultation with the Council of California County Law Librarians,  
 12    the California State Association of Counties, and other persons  
 13    or entities as it deems necessary and proper.

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**All matter omitted in this version of the bill  
appears in the bill as introduced in the  
Assembly, February 20, 2008 (JR11)**

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