

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1946

Introduced by Assembly Member Grove

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 9070 of, and to add Section 9075.5 to, the Government Code, relating to legislative records.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1946, as introduced, Grove. Legislative Open Records Act.

The Legislative Open Records Act (LORA) requires that a legislative record, as defined, be open to public inspection unless the record is exempt from disclosure under the act.

This bill would provide that LORA shall be construed with a strong presumption in favor of public access to legislative records. The bill would state that a record that reflects the approved budget allocation for a Member of the Legislature or the Member's office is not exempt from mandatory disclosure under LORA.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9070 of the Government Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 9070. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that access to
- 4 information concerning the conduct of the people's business by
- 5 the Legislature is a fundamental and necessary right of every citizen
- 6 in this state.

1 ***(b) This article shall be construed with a strong presumption***
2 ***in favor of public access to legislative records.***

3 **SEC. 2.** Section 9075.5 is added to the Government Code, to
4 read:

5 9075.5. Nothing in this article shall be deemed to exempt from
6 mandatory disclosure a record that reflects the approved budget
7 allocation for a Member of the Legislature or the Member's office.