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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2572**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 72031 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2572, as amended, Furutani. Los Angeles Community College District: governing board elections.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by a governing board, throughout the state. Existing law requires members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District to be elected at large in a manner established by specified law.

This bill would require members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District to be elected at large by individual seat number, and, commencing with the 2013-~~regular~~ election, would require the candidate with the highest number of votes for an individual seat number to be deemed the candidate elected for that individual seat number. To the extent the bill would place additional requirements on the Los Angeles Community College District, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Los Angeles Community College District.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 72031 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:  
3 72031. The provisions of this section shall apply only to the  
4 Los Angeles Community College District.  
5 (a) Whenever in this code a section refers to a district, or to two  
6 or more districts, governed by a single governing board, or by  
7 governing boards of identical personnel, or to a district or districts  
8 in which the average daily attendance is in excess of 400,000, or  
9 makes a similar reference, all provisions of the section shall apply  
10 with equal force to both the city school district and community  
11 college district.  
12 (b) Members of the governing board of the Los Angeles  
13 Community College District shall be elected at large and by  
14 individual seat number.  
15 (c) Commencing with the 2013-~~regular~~ election for the  
16 governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District,  
17 and each-~~regular~~ election thereafter, upon certification of the  
18 election, the candidate with the highest number of votes for an  
19 individual seat number shall be deemed the candidate elected for  
20 that individual seat number.  
21 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law  
22 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable  
23 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
24 Constitution because of the unique needs of the Los Angeles  
25 Community College District.

1     SEC. 3.   If the Commission on State Mandates determines  
2     that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement  
3     to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
4     pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
5     4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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