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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1900

Introduced by Assembly Members Jones-Sawyer and O'Donnell

February 11, 2016

An act *to add Section 70395 to the Government Code*, relating to court facilities, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1900, as amended, Jones-Sawyer. San Pedro courthouse.

(1) Existing law authorizes the Judicial Council to dispose of surplus court facilities pursuant to a specified process that requires, among other things, the Judicial Council to consult with the county where the court facility is located, offer the facility to the county at a fair market value before offering it to another state or local government agency, and deposit the funds received from a sale into the State Court Facilities Construction Fund. The process further requires the Judicial Council, if the court facility was previously the responsibility of a county, to comply with certain requirements applicable to the sale of surplus state property. Existing law establishes the Immediate and Critical Needs Account within the State Court Facilities Construction Fund. The California Constitution requires the proceeds from the sale of surplus state property to be deposited into the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, a continuously appropriated fund.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other law, specifically authorize the Judicial Council to sell the San Pedro *superior* courthouse, as

specified, if the sale complies with certain requirements applicable to the disposal of surplus court facilities and the Judicial Council consults with, and first offers the right to purchase the property to, the County of Los Angeles. The bill would require the *net* proceeds from the sale of the courthouse to be deposited into the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, and then transferred to, and appropriated from, the Immediate and Critical Needs Account of the State Court Facilities Construction Fund to the Judicial Council for the planning, design, construction, rehabilitation, renovation, replacement, or acquisition of court facilities. By appropriating the sale proceeds from the Immediate and Critical Needs Account of the State Court Facilities Construction Fund to the Judicial Council for these specified purposes, this bill would make an appropriation.

The bill would make legislative findings in support of its provisions.

(2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this
2 legislation, to specifically authorize the Judicial Council, with
3 certain participation by the County of Los Angeles, to sell property
4 known as the San Pedro courthouse, a surplus court facility that
5 is unsuitable for the needs of the judicial branch, and appropriate
6 those sale proceeds to the Judicial Council for the planning, design,
7 construction, rehabilitation, renovation, replacement, or acquisition
8 of court facilities.

9 SEC. 2. Section 70395 is added to the Government Code,
10 immediately following Section 70394, to read:

11 70395. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the Judicial Council
12 may sell the property, at fair market value and upon the terms and
13 conditions and subject to the reservations the Judicial Council
14 deems in the best interests of the state, if all of the following
15 requirements are satisfied:

16 (1) The sale complies with Section 70391 of the Government
17 Code, as applicable.

18 (2) The Judicial Council consults with the County of Los Angeles
19 concerning the sale of the property.

1 (3) *The Judicial Council offers the County of Los Angeles the*
2 *right to purchase the property at fair market value before otherwise*
3 *offering the property for sale.*

4 (b) *Notwithstanding any other law, the net proceeds from the*
5 *sale of the property shall be deposited into the Special Fund for*
6 *Economic Uncertainties, established by Section 16418 of the*
7 *Government Code, and then be immediately transferred to the*
8 *Immediate and Critical Needs Account of the State Court Facilities*
9 *Construction Fund, established by Section 70371.5 of the*
10 *Government Code. The net proceeds from the sale of the property*
11 *are hereby appropriated from the Immediate and Critical Needs*
12 *Account of the State Court Facilities Construction Fund to the*
13 *Judicial Council for the purposes set forth in paragraph (1) of*
14 *subdivision (a) of Section 70371.5 of the Government Code.*

15 (c) *For purposes of this act, “property” means the San Pedro*
16 *superior courthouse located at 505 South Centre Street, in the City*
17 *of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles, Assessor Parcel*
18 *Number 7455-013-901.*

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6 ~~7455-013-901.~~

7 ~~SEC. 4.~~

8 *SEC. 3.* This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
9 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
10 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into
11 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

12 To enable the sale of the surplus San Pedro court facility to occur
13 as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take effect
14 immediately.