

Introduced by Senator Kopp

January 23, 1996

An act to add Division 19.5 (commencing with Section 185000) to the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1420, as introduced, Kopp. Transportation: High-Speed Rail Act.

Existing law provides for the funding and regulation of rail transportation.

This bill would create the High-Speed Rail Authority in state government.

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. Division 19.5 (commencing with
2 Section 185000) is added to the Public Utilities Code, to
3 read:

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5 DIVISION 19.5. CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL
6 SERVICE

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8 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS, FINDINGS, AND
9 DEFINITIONS

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11 185000. This division shall be know and may be cited
12 as the California High-Speed Rail Act.



1 185010. The Legislature hereby finds and declares
2 that intercity passenger rail service between certain
3 locations in the San Francisco Bay Area that is capable of
4 speeds of 200 miles per hour or greater is essential to the
5 environmental and economic well-being of the state.

6 185020. As used in this division, unless the context
7 requires otherwise, the following terms have the
8 following meanings:

9 (a) “Authority” means the High-Speed Rail Authority.

10 (b) “Department” means the Department of
11 Transportation.

12 (c) “High-speed Rail” means intercity passenger rail
13 service that utilizes an alignment and technology that
14 makes it capable of sustained speeds of 200 miles per hour
15 or greater.

16 185030. There is in state government a High-Speed
17 Rail Authority consisting of nine members.

