
Introduced by Senator Burton

February 28, 1997

An act to amend Sections 6140 and 6140.4 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the State Bar of California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1145, as introduced, Burton. State Bar of California: membership fees.

(1) Existing law establishes annual membership fees for members of the State Bar of California for the years 1996 and 1997, but does not establish membership fees for later years.

This bill would establish annual membership fees for the years 1998 and 1999 at levels that are \$20 less than the fee levels established for the years 1996 and 1997 and would extend the repealer in the provision to January 1, 2000.

(2) Existing law, until January 1, 1998, requires the Board of Governors of the State Bar to increase the annual membership fees by an additional fee of \$110 to be used exclusively for discipline augmentation.

This bill would continue that requirement for the years 1998 and 1999 and would also extend the repealer in the provision to January 1, 2000.

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 6140 of the Business and
2 Professions Code is amended to read:

1 6140. (a) The board shall fix the annual membership
2 fee for ~~1996 1998~~ and ~~1997 1999~~ as follows:

3 (1) For active members who have been admitted to
4 the practice of law in this state for three years or longer
5 preceding the first day of February of the year for which
6 the fee is payable, at the sum of two hundred ~~ninety-one~~
7 *seventy-one* dollars (~~\$291~~) (*\$271*).

8 (2) For active members who have been admitted to
9 the practice of law in this state for less than three years
10 but more than one year preceding the first day of
11 February of the year for which the fee is payable, at the
12 sum of two hundred ~~twenty-three~~ *three* dollars (~~\$223~~)
13 (*\$203*).

14 (3) For active members who have been admitted to
15 the practice of law in this state during, or for less than one
16 year preceding the first day of February of, the year for
17 which the fee is payable, at a sum not exceeding one
18 hundred ~~ninety-two~~ *seventy-two* dollars (~~\$192~~) (*\$172*).

19 (b) The annual membership fee for active members is
20 payable on or before the first day of February of each
21 year. If the board finds it appropriate and feasible, it may
22 provide by rule for payment of fees on an installment
23 basis with interest, by credit card, or other means, and
24 may charge members choosing any alternative method of
25 payment an additional fee to defray costs incurred by that
26 election.

27 This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
28 ~~1998 2000~~, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later
29 enacted statute, ~~which~~ *that* is chaptered before January
30 1, ~~1998 2000~~, deletes or extends that date.

31 SEC. 2. Section 6140.4 of the Business and Professions
32 Code is amended to read:

33 6140.4. (a) For ~~1996 1998~~ and ~~1997 1999~~, the board
34 shall increase the annual membership fee fixed by it
35 pursuant to Section 6140 by an additional fee of one
36 hundred ten dollars (\$110) to be used exclusively for
37 discipline augmentation.

38 (b) This augmentation shall be in addition to existing
39 levels of expenditure for discipline as established during
40 1987 for 1988.



1 (c) This section shall remain in effect until January 1,
2 ~~1998~~ 2000, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later
3 enacted statute, ~~which~~ *that* is chaptered before January
4 1, ~~1998~~ 2000, deletes or extends that date.

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