



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 29, 2014
8:00 a.m.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: April 29, 2014 / 8:00 AM

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Brien, Mirisch
Councilmembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Mahdi Aluzri
Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling
Contract Lobbyist Andrew Antwih (via phone)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Action: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- AB 2550 – Local election dates
- AB 1941 – MTA board restructuring
- AB 1839 – Film tax credits
- HR 29 – Local government outsourcing
- SB 1262 – medical marijuana and regulation of physicians/dispensaries

Action: Information and legislative status updates received and filed.
(See attached memorandum)

Cheryl Friedling

Subject: FW: AB 2550 (Election Dates) and AB 2715 (Election Dates)

From: Andrew Antwih [<mailto:Andrew@shawyoderantwih.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Cheryl Friedling
Cc: Chris Castrillo
Subject: FW: AB 2550 (Election Dates) and AB 2715 (Election Dates)

Cheryl,
Here is a more recent update on the status of AB 2550 (Hernandez), regarding election dates. The amendments mentioned below have not been added to the bill yet. We will report to you ASAP if/when those amendments are added to the bill. The bill is still currently on suspense.

--andrew

From: Andrew Antwih
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 5:37 PM
To: 'Cheryl Friedling'
Cc: Chris Castrillo; Silvia Solis Shaw
Subject: RE: AB 2550 (Election Dates) and AB 2715 (Election Dates)

Cheryl,
I have been in touch with the author's office this afternoon. There is a little bit of a backstory here. The author elected not to present these two bills to the Assembly Appropriations Committee today, so based on the cost estimates in the staff analyses, the committee placed both bills on the suspense file.

The Committee estimated that city and county election officials would incur roughly \$1 million per year to comply with AB 2550. The Committee also raised specific concerns about the impact of AB 2550 on city and county elections in LA County. The county still uses a variation of a voting system that was installed in 1985. They are currently in the planning and design stage for developing and transitioning to a new system, which is not expected to be available for use countywide before 2018.

Pending Author Amendments

In an effort to improve their chances of getting AB 2550 released from suspense, the author plans to amend his bill to extend the deadline for cities and counties to transition into consolidated elections. Assemblyman Hernandez plans to offer amendments that would establish a January 1, 2018 deadline for city election officials to comply with AB 2550. The author believes that an amendment like this would allow LA County to bring their new system online and thereby reduce the costs for individual cities in LA County to comply. They believe that this amendment will improve their chances of getting the bill released from suspense.

We will keep you posted on how this develops.

--andrew

From: Byron Pope
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 4:07 PM
To: Jeffrey C. Kolin; 6-Laurence Wiener

Cc: Mahdi Aluzri; Cheryl Friedling
Subject: AB 2550 (Election Dates) and AB 2715 (Election Dates)
Importance: High

I am happy to report that both AB 2550 (Election Dates) and AB 2715 (District Elections) authored by Assembly Member Hernandez were moved to the suspense file today by the Appropriations Committee.

AB 2550 has been assigned a price tag of \$1 million and AB 2715 has been assigned a price tag of \$2.2 million not including additional litigation costs.

As you are aware, bills very rarely come out of the suspense file. Assuming both bills remain in suspense until May 30th (last day for bills to come out of the house of origin), both bills will officially be dead.

BCC: City Council

Byron

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To: Cheryl Friedling,
Deputy City Manager
City of Beverly Hills

From: Andrew K. Antwih, Partner,
Chris Castrillo, Legislative Assistant
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Date: April 16, 2014

AB 1941 (Holden); LA County MTA Governing Board Composition

Assemblymember Holden has introduced legislation that seeks to revise the composition of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) governing board.

Current Board Composition

Under current law, (Section 130051 of the California Public Utilities Code), the LA Metro Governing Board has 14 members (13 voting and one non-voting), as follows:

1. Five members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors;
2. The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles;
3. Two public members and one member of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles;
4. Four members, each of whom shall be a mayor or a member of a city council, appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee [one] from the following sectors:
 - a. North County/San Fernando Valley sector;
 - b. The Southwest Corridor sector;
 - c. The San Gabriel Valley sector; and,
 - d. The Southeast Long Beach sector.
5. One non-voting member appointed by the Governor.

Two Different Approaches

Assemblymember Holden has proposed two different approaches to restructuring the LA Metro governing board.

First version: As introduced (on February 19th), AB 1941 would have expanded the Metro Board of Directors from 14 to 16 by adding two voting members. The two new members would be appointed by the Speaker of the State Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules.

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Current version: As introduced, AB 1941 deletes all city members of the LA Metro governing board except the mayor of Los Angeles. The bill would remove the three additional appointees by the Mayor of Los Angeles, but leaves the Mayor of LA on the governing board. All other city representatives from around the county have been removed.

The amendments also delete provisions that set the total number of board members. The bill does not set a new number of board member, but leaves the number unspecified.

Next Steps

The author has signaled his intent to engage in a regional conversation regarding AB 1941 is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on Wednesday, April 30th. The bill is currently opposed by the City of Los Angeles, LA Metro and the LA County Board of Supervisors. We are not aware of supporter for this measure.



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May 9th, 2014

To: Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager
City of Beverly Hills

From: Andrew K. Antwih, Partner
Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.
Christopher Castrillo, Legislative Assistant
Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.

Re: Legislative Update on Requested Legislation

AB 1839 (Gatto) Income Taxes: qualified motion pictures

Summary: This bill would extend the scope of existing tax credits for qualified motion pictures with expenditures up to \$100,000,000, extend the credit to qualified expenditures for television pilot episodes and qualified expenditures relating to music scoring and music editing. It would further determine an applicable percentage of 25% or 20% for qualified expenditures for television series relocating to California. The bill limits the aggregate amount of these new credits for each fiscal year

Status: The bill was last heard in the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee on March 25th and passed on a bi-partisan 7-0 vote.

Location: The bill is now set to be heard in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on May 13th at 1:30pm. That committee is Chaired by Assemblymember Bocanegra, who is the principle co-author of this measure.

Other Info:

AB 2550 (Hernandez) Election dates

Summary: This bill would require general municipal and general district elections held on or after July 1, 2015, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of even-numbered years, or on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered or even-numbered year, subject to certain exceptions. This bill would also provide that, if a board of supervisors of a county of the first class denies a request to consolidate an election, that election shall not be held on the date of the statewide election.

Status: This bill was last heard in the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting. The bill passed on a 5-2 party line vote, after the author took a number of amendments requested by the committee.

Location: The bill will now be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 14th at 9am.

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Other Info: The author took a number of Amendments recommended by the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. We have summarized those amendments below.

Despite the Amendments taken, this bill is still of particular concern to Los Angeles County and The League of CA Cities has taken an Oppose position on the bill.

Amendment Summary:

- Took an amendment to delay implementation of the provisions from January 1, 2015 to July 1, 2015.
- Took a technical amendment which makes the provisions of the bill inapplicable for an election held in a district if the principal act of the district provides for a runoff election
- Took an amendment that clarifies if the supervisors of a county of the first class (LA County) deny a request for a county, municipal, district, and/or school district election to be consolidated with the statewide election, such elections will not be held on the same day as a statewide election – (I.E. no concurrent elections allowed – such elections would need to be moved to one of the other dates allowed by this bill)

SB 1262 (Correa) Medical Marijuana

Summary:

- This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to license dispensing facilities and cultivation sites that provide, process, and grow marijuana for medical use including requiring a background check for license applicants. It would make these licenses subject to the restrictions of the local jurisdiction in which the facility operates or proposes to operate.
- Requires licensed dispensing facilities and licensed cultivation sites to implement sufficient security measures to both deter and prevent unauthorized entrance into areas containing marijuana and theft of marijuana at those facilities.
- Prohibits the distribution of any form of advertising for physician recommendations for medical marijuana unless the advertisement bears a specified notice and requires that the advertisement meet specified requirements and not be fraudulent, deceitful, or misleading.
- Would require the board to consult with the Center for Medical Cannabis Research on developing and adopting medical guidelines for the appropriate administration and use of marijuana.
- Would also make it a misdemeanor for a physician and surgeon who recommends marijuana to a patient for a medical purpose to accept, solicit, or offer any remuneration from or to a licensed dispensing facility in which the physician and surgeon or his or her immediate family has a financial interest.

Status: The bill was last heard in the Senate Health Committee and passed on a 6-0 vote, with 3 Senators not voting.

Location: The bill will now be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 19th, 2014

Other Info: The author took a number of Amendments prior to the Senate Health Committee hearing. Those amendments are now in print and we have summarized them below.

Amendment Summary:

- Provisions were struck relative to physician requirements for marijuana referrals/recommendations and punishments/penalties for violations of those requirements
- Adopted language for background checks for dispensary applications
- Struck provisions requiring that the CA Medical Board set up a task force to review use of medical marijuana
- Struck provisions which made County Health Departments responsible for enforcement
- Struck provisions requiring the Department of Justice to establish standards for quality assurance testing

HR 29 (Gomez) Outsourcing

Summary: The resolution states: “The Assembly opposes outsourcing of public services and assets, which harms transparency, accountability, shared prosperity, and competition, and supports processes that give public service

workers the opportunity to develop their own plan on how to deliver cost-effective, high-quality services. The Assembly urges local officials to become familiar with the provisions of the Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda. The Assembly intends to introduce and advocate for responsible outsourcing legislation.”

Status: This bill passed the Assembly floor and was adopted on April 3rd. The resolution passed on a 44-22 party line vote.