

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 11, 2018

SENATE BILL

No. 863

Introduced by Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review

January 10, 2018

An act relating to the Budget Act of 2018. An act to amend Section 13119 of the Elections Code, relating to elections, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 863, as amended, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.
~~Budget Act of 2018. Elections.~~

Existing law requires a local government body, when submitting for voter approval a bond measure, the security for which constitutes a lien on the property for ad valorem taxes, to provide the voters a statement that includes estimates of tax rates and debt service in connection with the measure. This statement is required to be included in any voter information guide for the bond measure, as specified.

Existing law requires that the ballots used when voting on a measure proposed by a local governing body, or submitted to the voters as an initiative or referendum measure, have printed on them specified information, including a statement describing the measure. If the proposed measure imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, existing law requires that the statement of the measure include the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied.

This bill would exempt until July 1, 2020, a measure authorizing the issuance of bonds from the above provision requiring the statement of the measure to include the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied.

This bill would appropriate \$5,000 from the General Fund to the Secretary of State for the purpose of preparing an action plan for the 2018–19 fiscal year for the Secretary of State’s cybersecurity office.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes relating to the Budget Act of 2018.~~

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. Section 13119 of the Elections Code is amended*
2 *to read:*

3 13119. (a) The ballots used when voting upon a measure
4 proposed by a local governing body or submitted to the voters as
5 an initiative or referendum measure pursuant to Division 9
6 (commencing with Section 9000), including a measure authorizing
7 the issuance of bonds or the incurrence of debt, shall have printed
8 on them the words “Shall the measure (stating the nature thereof)
9 be adopted?” Opposite the statement of the measure to be voted
10 on, and to its right, the words “Yes” and “No” shall be printed on
11 separate lines, with voting squares. If a voter stamps a cross (+)
12 in the voting square after the printed word “Yes,” his or her vote
13 shall be counted in favor of the adoption of the measure. If he or
14 she stamps a cross (+) in the voting square after the printed word
15 “No,” his or her vote shall be counted against its adoption.

16 (b) (1) If the proposed measure imposes a tax or raises the rate
17 of a tax, the ballot shall include in the statement of the measure to
18 be voted on the amount of money to be raised annually and the
19 rate and duration of the tax to be levied.

20 (2) *This subdivision does not apply to a measure authorizing*
21 *the issuance of bonds until July 1, 2020.*

22 (c) The statement of the measure shall be a true and impartial
23 synopsis of the purpose of the proposed measure, and shall be in
24 language that is neither argumentative nor likely to create prejudice
25 for or against the measure.

26 (d) For purposes of this section, “local governing body” means
27 the governing body of a city, county, city and county, including a
28 charter city or charter county, or district, including a school district.

1 *SEC. 2. \$5,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund*
2 *to the Secretary of State for the purpose of preparing an action*
3 *plan for the 2018–19 fiscal year for the Secretary of State’s*
4 *cybersecurity office. The Secretary of State shall complete the*
5 *action plan by November 1, 2018.*

6 *SEC. 3. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related*
7 *to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section*
8 *12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified*
9 *as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect*
10 *immediately.*

11 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory~~
12 ~~changes relating to the Budget Act of 2018.~~