



MVCAC LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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TO: MVCAC Legislative Committee

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**Subject: Legislative Report for 10/24/2013
MVCAC Legislative Committee Meeting**

Governor Signs 9 in 10 Bills

Governor Brown completed signing or vetoing 2013 legislation just hours before his midnight, October 13th, deadline to do so. For the 2013 legislative year, Governor Brown signed 800+ bills, vetoing 96. Upon completing his work, Governor Brown said: *"...(T)hose are all big issues, and then on top of that you have the endless desire of the Legislature for more and more activities or interventions or spending or law."* Indeed...

Final 2013 Legislative Report

Our office provided the final 2013 legislative report to members of the Legislative Committee on October 14th, therein containing the final disposition of all bills followed by the Committee this year. Presented below are brief summaries of a number of bills contained in the final legislative report that warrant special consideration:

1. [**Senate Constitutional Amendments #3 \(Leno\)**](#): SCA 3 by Senator Leno will appear on the November 2014 statewide ballot and, if passed, will require all local agencies to comply with the California Public Records Act and the Brown Act, as well as with any subsequent amendments to either Act that, based on findings, demonstrates that the amendments furthers the purposes of each Act.

Additionally, SCA 3 exempts mandate claims for either Act and any future amendments thereto.

Status: November 2014 Statewide Ballot Measure; Res. Chapter 123, Statutes of 2013.

2. **Assembly Bill 218 (Dickinson)**: Effective July 1, 2014, AB 218 would prohibit state and local governments from asking a job applicant to disclose information regarding a criminal conviction, with specified exemption, until the state or local government employer has determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications for the position. **Status: Signed by the Governor; Chapter 699, Statutes of 2013.**
3. **Assembly Bill 537 (Bonta)**: Relates to meet and confer provisions under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act and sets forth provisions relating to meet and confer in good faith. **Status: Signed by the Governor; Chapter 785, Statutes of 2013.**
4. **Assembly Bill 1149 (Campos)**: Extends the current identity theft law to local governments relative to a breach of computerized data that is owned or licensed by a local agency. Requires local governments with a breach that includes personal information to notify any California resident whose unencrypted personal information was, or reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. **Status: Signed by the Governor; Chapter 395, Statutes of 2013.**
5. **Assembly Bill 1235 (Gordon)**: Proposed to require all local elected/appointed officials to take 4-hours of financial management training during the official's first full term. **Status: 10/07/2013 Vetoed by the Governor; Text of Veto Message [here](#).**
6. **Assembly Bill 1181 (Gray)**: Relating to local agency employee representatives, AB 1181 would require a local public agency to give reasonable time off, without loss of compensation or other benefits to an agency's employee representative when he/she is testifying or appearing as the designated representative in proceeding before the Public Employment Relations Board in matters relating to a charge filed by the employee organization against the local public agency. **Status: Signed by the Governor; Chapter 305, Statutes of 2013.**
7. **Assembly Bill 1080 (Alejo)**: AB 1080 and other Infrastructure Financing District-related legislation all contained provisions to prohibit the use of tax increment financing without the opt-in/opt-out of each taxing entity. Late in this year's session, Governor Brown asked each author to hold their bills until such time as all wind-down issues associated with former redevelopment agencies are completed, so AB 1080 and the other IFD measures became two-year bills. **Status: 08/30/2013 Senate Committee on Appropriations, held under submission.**
8. **Senate Bill 731 (Steinberg)**: After months of negotiations with a broad coalition of interest groups, efforts to "reform" CEQA failed and Senator Steinberg made SB 731 a two-year bill. Senator

Steinberg hopes to continue the reform discussion next year. **Status: 9/11/2013 Assembly Committee on Local Government.**

9. **Pension Reform**: On October 15, 2013, San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and others filed a pension reform initiative with the Attorney General for ballot title and summary. Assuming the initiative receives sufficient signatures, it will appear on the November 2014 statewide ballot. The MVCAC Legislative Committee was provided the initiative's language on October 15th. **Status: 10/15/2013 Attorney General's Office for Title & Summary; Tentative Title: "The Pension Reform Act of 2014"; language can be found [here](#).**

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