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SENATE BILL

No. 702

Introduced by ~~Senator~~ *Senators Limón and Cervantes*
(Principal coauthor: Senator Rubio)
~~(Coauthor: Senator~~ *Coauthors: Senators Archuleta and Gonzalez)*
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Ward)

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An act to add Sections 1305 and 1306 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 702, as amended, Limón. Legislative and gubernatorial appointments: report.

Existing law establishes various boards and commissions in state government with specified duties and responsibilities. Existing law generally provides for legislative oversight of state board formation, which includes, among other things, any administrative or regulatory board, commission, and committee, whose members are appointed by the Governor, the Legislature, or both. Existing law requires the Governor to appoint every officer whose mode of appointment is not prescribed by law.

This bill would require the office of the Governor, commencing January 1, 2027, to maintain on its internet website a list of each state board and commission and the membership list, stated purpose, duties, meeting frequency, internet website, and vacancies in the membership for each board or commission. The bill would require the office of the Governor, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually on January 1 thereafter, to create and publish on its internet website a report

containing aggregate demographic information, as defined, of appointments made by the office during the prior calendar year, as specified.

The bill would require the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually on January 1 thereafter, to publish on their respective internet-websites *websites, to the extent available*, aggregate demographic information, as defined, on their respective legislative appointments, made during the prior calendar year, as specified. The bill would require the aggregate demographic information to only include legislative appointments created by statute, and prohibit the information from including ex officio appointments of members of the Legislature. The bill would require *the aggregate demographic information to also include a specified disclaimer, and would encourage* any organization or individual that utilizes or republishes the ~~above-described aggregate demographic information on legislative appointments to provide a specified information to include that disclaimer.~~

The bill would require the above-described published aggregate demographic information on gubernatorial or legislative appointments to be published on the respective entity's internet websites in a prescribed manner for purposes of ensuring the anonymity of the appointed individuals.

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. Section 1305 is added to the Government Code,
- 2 immediately following Section 1304, to read:
- 3 1305. (a) Commencing January 1, 2027, the office of the
- 4 Governor shall maintain on its internet website a list of each state
- 5 board or commission, as well as the board or commission's
- 6 membership list, stated purpose, duties, meeting frequency, internet
- 7 website, and any vacancies in its membership.
- 8 (b) (1) On or before January 1, 2028, and each January 1
- 9 thereafter, the office of the Governor shall create and publish on
- 10 its internet website a report that contains aggregate demographic
- 11 information, to the extent available, of appointments by the office
- 12 of the Governor from January 1 to December 31, inclusive, of the
- 13 previous year.

1 (2) The aggregate demographic information shall be published
2 in a manner that does not disclose any personal information and
3 ensures the anonymity of the appointed individuals.

4 (c) For purposes of this section, “demographic information”
5 includes, but is not limited to, the voluntarily self-reported
6 ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability
7 status, county of residence, party affiliation, and military service
8 of the appointed individuals.

9 SEC. 2. Section 1306 is added to the Government Code,
10 immediately following Section 1305, to read:

11 1306. (a) On or before January 31, 2028, and annually
12 thereafter, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the
13 Assembly shall publish on their respective internet-websites
14 *websites, to the extent available*, aggregate demographic
15 information on the respective legislative appointments of each
16 house, made from January 1 to December 31, inclusive, of the
17 previous calendar year.

18 (b) The aggregate demographic information shall only include
19 legislative appointments created by statute, and shall not include
20 ex officio appointments of members of the Legislature.

21 (c) The aggregate demographic information shall be published
22 in a manner that does not disclose any personal information and
23 ensures the anonymity of the appointed individuals.

24 ~~(d) Any organization or individual that utilizes or republishes~~
25 ~~the—~~(1) The aggregate demographic information shall ~~provide~~
26 *include* the following disclaimer, “Reporting of demographic
27 information by appointed individuals is not required. Therefore,
28 this information only includes voluntarily reported data and does
29 not accurately reflect the demographics of all legislative
30 appointments.”

31 (2) *Any organization or individual that utilizes or republishes*
32 *the aggregate demographic information is encouraged to include*
33 *the disclaimer described in paragraph (1).*

34 (e) For purposes of this section, “demographic information”
35 includes, but is not limited to, the voluntarily self-reported
36 ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability
37 status, county of residence, and military service of the appointed
38 individuals.

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