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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1608

Introduced by Assembly Members Gipson and Akilah Weber
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~~(Coauthor: Senator~~ **Coauthors: Senators Becker, Pan, and Wieckowski)**

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An act to amend Sections 24300, 24304, and 24304.1 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1608, as amended, Gipson. County officers: consolidation of offices.

Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to consolidate the duties of various county offices in various combinations, including combining the duties of the sheriff and the coroner.

This bill would ~~delete~~ *remove* the *board of supervisors'* authority to combine the duties of the sheriff with the duties of the coroner. *The bill would also remove the board of supervisors' authority to combine the duties of the tax collector with the duties of the coroner.*

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 24300 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

1 24300. By ordinance the board of supervisors may consolidate
2 the duties of certain of the county offices in one or more of these
3 combinations:

- 4 (a) Sheriff and tax collector.
- 5 (b) Auditor and recorder.
- 6 (c) County clerk, auditor, and recorder.
- 7 (d) County clerk and public administrator.
- 8 (e) County clerk and recorder.
- 9 (f) County clerk and auditor.
- 10 (g) Treasurer and tax collector.
- 11 (h) Treasurer and recorder.
- 12 (i) Treasurer and assessor.
- 13 (j) Treasurer and public administrator.
- 14 (k) Public administrator and coroner.
- 15 (l) District attorney and public administrator.
- 16 (m) District attorney and coroner.
- 17 (n) Sheriff and public administrator.
- 18 (o) County agricultural commissioner and county sealer of
19 weights and measures.
- 20 (p) Road commissioner and surveyor. A county may create an
21 office entitled public works director, combining the duties of road
22 commissioner and surveyor and any other compatible duties not
23 legally required to be performed by another county officer.
- 24 (q) County surveyor and director of transportation.

25 By the ordinance that consolidates the duties of the appointive
26 county offices described in subdivision (o), notwithstanding Section
27 2122 and Sections 2181 to 2187, inclusive, of the Food and
28 Agricultural Code, and Sections 12200 and 12214 of the Business
29 and Professions Code, the board of supervisors may provide that
30 the first term only of the newly consolidated office expires when
31 the first of the remaining unexpired terms of the two unconsolidated
32 offices would have expired. Where a vacancy in either of the
33 unconsolidated offices exists the term of office of the newly
34 consolidated office shall be the longer of the remaining unexpired
35 terms.

36 SEC. 2. Section 24304 of the Government Code is amended
37 to read:

38 24304. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24300, in
39 counties of the 13th to 58th classes, inclusive, the board of

1 supervisors by ordinance may consolidate the duties of certain of
2 the county offices in one or more of these combinations:

- 3 (a) Sheriff and tax collector.
- 4 (b) Auditor and recorder.
- 5 (c) County clerk, auditor, and recorder.
- 6 (d) County clerk and public administrator.
- 7 (e) County clerk and recorder.
- 8 (f) County clerk and auditor.
- 9 (g) Treasurer and tax collector.
- 10 (h) Treasurer and recorder.
- 11 (i) Treasurer and assessor.
- 12 (j) Treasurer and public administrator.
- 13 (k) Public administrator and coroner.
- 14 (l) District attorney and public administrator.
- 15 (m) District attorney and coroner.
- 16 (n) Sheriff and public administrator.
- 17 (o) County agricultural commissioner and county sealer of
18 weights and measures.
- 19 (p) County clerk and tax collector.
- 20 (q) Treasurer, tax collector, and recorder.
- 21 ~~(r) Tax collector and coroner.~~
- 22 ~~(s)~~
- 23 (r) Coroner and health officer.
- 24 ~~(t)~~
- 25 (s) Road commissioner and surveyor. A county may create an
26 office entitled public works director, combining the duties of road
27 commissioner and surveyor and any other compatible duties not
28 legally required to be performed by another county officer.
- 29 ~~(u)~~
- 30 (t) Coroner and public administrator.
- 31 ~~(v)~~
- 32 (u) Treasurer, tax collector, and public administrator.
- 33 ~~(w)~~
- 34 (v) County clerk, assessor, and recorder.
- 35 ~~(x)~~
- 36 (w) Assessor and recorder.
- 37 ~~(y)~~
- 38 (x) Tax collector/county clerk and treasurer.

39 SEC. 3. Section 24304.1 of the Government Code is amended
40 to read:

1 24304.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24300, in
2 counties of the 11th class, the board of supervisors by ordinance
3 may consolidate the duties of certain of the county offices, as
4 follows:

5 (a) County clerk, assessor, and recorder.

6 (b) Either of the following:

7 (1) Sheriff and public administrator.

8 (2) Coroner and public administrator.

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11 CORRECTIONS:

12 Heading—Line 3.

13 REVISIONS:

14 Heading—Line 2.