

Date of Hearing: April 2, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Liz Ortega, Chair

AB 552 (Ortega) – As Amended March 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Agricultural Labor Relations Board: office

SUMMARY: Deletes the requirement that the principal office of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board (Board) be in Sacramento and instead requires the Board to establish an executive or principal office. Repeals this provision on January 1, 2028.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Creates the Board within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, which shall consist of five members. Labor Code §1141(a).
- 2) Requires the principal office of the Board to be in Sacramento, but it may meet and exercise any or all of its power at any other place in California. Labor Code §1142(a).
- 3) Authorizes, besides the principal office in Sacramento, as provided in 2) above, the Board to establish offices in such other cities as it shall deem necessary. Labor Code §1142(b).
- 4) Provides that 2) and 3) above shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2028, and as of that date are repealed. Labor Code §1142(c).

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown

COMMENTS: According to the author, “AB 552 gives flexibility to the Agricultural Labor Relations Board to relocate its principal office to another location besides Sacramento. Most farmworkers live in the Central Valley and Central Coast and it may be more convenient for those workers to move the ALRB’s principal office to one of those locations. However, the bill leaves this up to the ALRB’s discretion.”

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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