

## CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

CSA1 Bill Id:AB 652 Author:(Alvarez)

As Amended Ver:July 17, 2025

Majority vote

**SUMMARY**

Repeals the requirement that one of the two supervisors serving on the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDCAPCD) board be the supervisor currently serving on the Air Resources Board (ARB). Authorizes the designation of alternate board members, provided the alternate meets the same qualifications as the regular member, and authorizes alternates to vote and receive per diem compensation and expenses.

**Senate Amendments**

- 1) Strike out provisions regarding resolving tie votes.
- 2) Replace provisions prescribing two-year terms for specified members with provisions requiring a random drawing to determine members to serve two-year terms.
- 3) Require the district board to consult with the United States Armed Forces prior to designating a member as the military liaison.

**COMMENTS**

In 2019, AB 423 (Gloria), restructured the SDCAPCD board, which previously was governed by the five San Diego County Supervisors, to be governed by an 11-member board consisting of two county supervisors, six council members or mayors from specified cities, and three public members.

San Diego County is second only to Los Angeles County in population, with approximately 3.3 million residents, approximately 1.4 million of whom live in the City of San Diego.

San Diego's county-only air district board is an anomaly. San Diego has the largest population by far of any county air district. There are 35 air districts covering California's 58 counties. Of the 21 single county districts, eight have boards with city representation and 13 have boards that are only county supervisors. The other 20 single county districts are primarily rural.

**According to the Author**

AB 652, modernizes the governance of the SDAPCD, positioning it to effectively tackle contemporary environmental, equity, and operational challenges. This bill enhances the board's capacity to protect public health and air quality by introducing alternate members to expedite decision-making, updating compensation to attract qualified experts, and mandating collaboration with military stakeholders to balance environmental and national security priorities. By ensuring that public members possess expertise in health impacts, environmental justice, and air pollution science, AB 652 amplifies the voices of vulnerable communities disproportionately affected by pollution. These changes are vital for an efficient, inclusive, and transparent board that responds to the unique needs of a region rich in military installations and confronted with poor air quality.

AB 652 is a proactive approach toward equitable governance, ensuring that low-income neighborhoods and communities of color—often the most severely impacted by pollution—have dedicated advocates influencing the policies that directly affect their health and environment. By formalizing military coordination, the bill not only protects essential operations but also holds the SDAPCD accountable to local residents. With no new taxes or costs to the state, this legislation represents a fiscally responsible model for effective, community-driven environmental stewardship. AB 652 is not merely about achieving cleaner air; it is about guaranteeing that every San Diegan, has a seat at the decision-making table.

### **Arguments in Support**

According to the City of San Diego, (SB 652) addresses the potential disruption in governance due to the absence of board members, which can hinder the district's ability to effectively manage air quality and pollution control efforts. By introducing alternates, the bill aims to maintain a full board and ensure that vital decisions regarding air pollution are made without delay. These provisions will streamline the SDAPCD's operations, reduce administrative delays, and foster more inclusive and effective representation.

### **Arguments in Opposition**

None received.

## **FISCAL COMMENTS**

Non-fiscal.

## **VOTES:**

### **ASM NATURAL RESOURCES: 13-0-1**

**YES:** Bryan, Alanis, Connolly, Ellis, Flora, Garcia, Haney, Kalra, Muratsuchi, Pellerin, Schultz, Wicks, Zbur

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Hoover

### **ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 63-2-14**

**YES:** Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lee, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

**NO:** DeMaio, Hoover

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Castillo, Flora, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Lackey, Macedo, Papan, Patterson, Ramos, Sanchez, Sharp-Collins, Ta, Tangipa

## **UPDATED**

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