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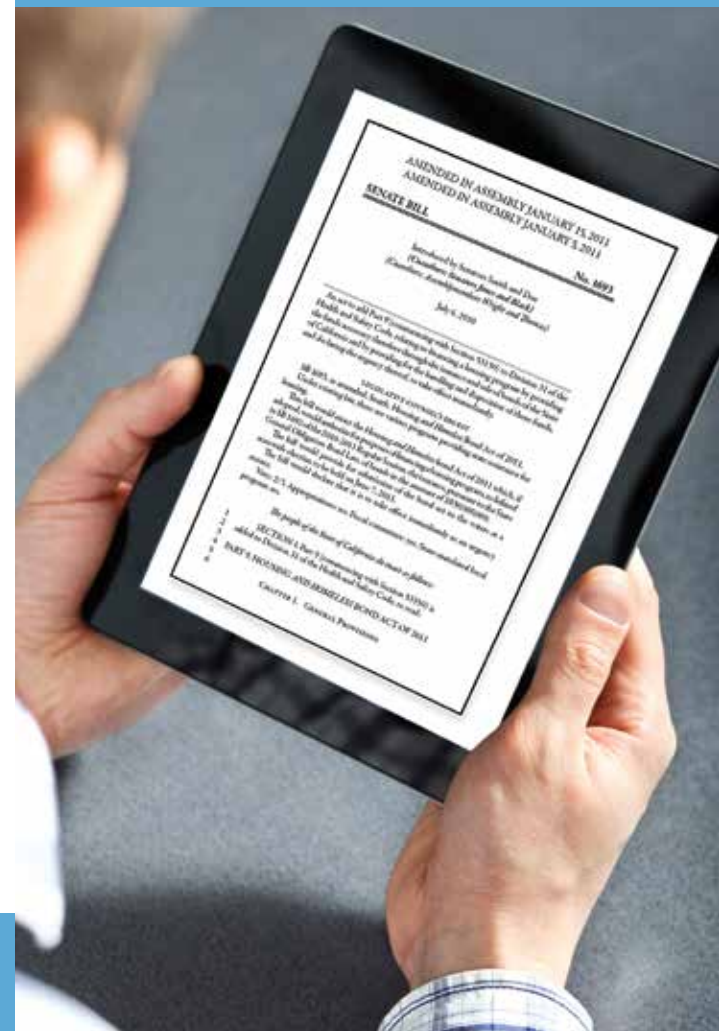
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## UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEGISLATION

### Senate Bill (SB)

requires a majority vote; if there is a fiscal impact, requires a two-thirds vote

### Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA)

requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and a vote by the people

### Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR)

relates to general matters of concern to the Legislature

### Senate Joint Resolution (SJR)

conveys to the federal government views of the Legislature

### House Resolution (HR)

relates to matters of concern to one house

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 15, 2011  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 5, 2011

SENATE BILL No. 1693

Introduced by Senators Smith and Doe  
(Coauthors: Senators Jones and Black)  
(Coauthors: Assemblymembers Wright and Thomas)

July 6, 2010

An act to add Part 9 (commencing with Section 53150) to Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to financing a housing program by providing the funds necessary therefore through the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and by providing for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST  
SB 1693, as amended, Smith. Housing and Homeless Bond Act of 2011.  
Under existing law, there are various programs providing state assistance for housing.  
This bill would enact the Housing and Homeless bond Act of 2011 which, if adopted, would authorize for purposes of financing a housing program, as defined in SB 1692 of the 2010-2011 Regular Session, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$850,000,000.  
The bill would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at a statewide election to be held on June 7, 2011.  
The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.  
Vote: 2/3. Appropriations: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Part 9 (commencing with Section 53150) is  
2 added to Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:  
3  
4 PART 9. HOUSING AND HOMELESS BOND ACT OF 2011  
5  
6 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Date noted each time bill is amended.

Indicates house of origin.

Bills are introduced in sequential number order in each house.

Authors and co-authors listed here.

Date introduced.

Code section being added or amended.

Legislative Counsel drafts all legislation and writes a summary.

Most bills require a majority vote. A measure with an appropriation or which takes effect immediately requires a two-thirds vote by each house.

Bills which make an appropriation or affect state spending must go to a fiscal committee.

Text of the bill.

This particular bill's language will be part of the California Health and Safety Code once it is enacted into law. The rest of the bill language is on subsequent pages.