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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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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 54952.3 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 54952.3. During the meeting of a legislative body, the members
4 of that legislative body shall not convene other meetings of any

other legislative body, simultaneously or in serial order, where the members of the previously convened legislative body constitute at least a quorum of the legislative body that is attempting to convene a meeting. This section shall not apply to legislative bodies that are expressly authorized by statute to convene meetings simultaneously or in serial order.

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