

***AB 23 (Smyth) – Local agency meetings: simultaneous meetings: prohibition***

***Introduced December 6, 2010***

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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 23**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth**

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An act to add Section 54952.3 to the Government Code, relating to local government.

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

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

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