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Purposes of commission

56301. Among the purposes of a commission are discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open-space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing government services, and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances. One of the objects of the commission is to make studies and to obtain and furnish information which will contribute to the logical and reasonable development of local agencies in each county and to shape the development of local agencies so as to advantageously provide for the present and future needs of each county and its communities. When the formation of a new government entity is proposed, a commission shall make a determination as to whether existing agencies can feasibly provide the needed service or services in a more efficient and accountable manner. If a new single-purpose agency is deemed necessary, the commission shall consider reorganization with other single-purpose agencies that provide related services.

Determination for new agencies

CHAPTER 2. FORMATION OF COMMISSION AND SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Creation; composition

56325. There is hereby continued in existence in each county local agency formation commission. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the commission shall consist of members selected as follows:

(a) Two appointed by the board of supervisors from their own membership. The board of supervisors shall appoint a third supervisor who shall be an alternate member of the commission. The alternate member may serve and vote in place of any supervisor on the commission who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.

If the office of a regular county member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular county member until the appointment and qualification of a regular county member to fill the vacancy.

City members

(b) Two selected by the cities in the county, each of whom shall be a mayor or council member, appointed by the city selection committee. The city selection committee shall also designate one alternate member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56335. The alternate shall also be a mayor or council member. The city selection committee is encouraged to select members to fairly represent the diversity of the cities in the county, with respect to population and geography.