

AMENDMENTS TO LB 46

Introduced by Judiciary

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following  
2 new sections:

3           Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that there is  
4 redundancy in services being provided by public crime laboratories  
5 of counties which contain a city of the metropolitan class and that  
6 planning for the consolidation and coordination of public crime  
7 laboratory services within such counties should be done in order  
8 to save tax money through elimination of redundancy and improve  
9 delivery of services through standardization of procedures.

10           (2) Within thirty days after the effective date of this  
11 act, any county which contains a city of the metropolitan class  
12 and any city of the metropolitan class therein shall appoint a  
13 joint planning board. The planning board shall have six members,  
14 two appointed by the county board, two appointed by the mayor  
15 and city council, and the expert in government efficiency and the  
16 chairperson appointed by the other members. The members shall not  
17 be current employees of either the county or city and shall not  
18 be compensated or reimbursed for expenses. The planning board shall  
19 have one member from each of the following areas of expertise:

20           (a) A forensic toxicologist;

21           (b) An expert in forensic DNA;

22           (c) A criminologist;

23           (d) An individual with experience in law enforcement and

1 crime scene investigation;

2 (e) A medical ethicist; and

3 (f) An expert in government efficiency.

4 (3) The planning board shall study issues relating

5 to the consolidation and coordination of the public crime

6 laboratory services of the county and city and develop a plan for

7 consolidation and coordination of public crime laboratory services.

8 The planning board shall inventory public sector and private

9 sector resources, identify areas of duplication of services and

10 the extra tax cost of such duplication, conduct needs assessments,

11 and analyze national best practices. The plan shall provide for an

12 independent governing board of members with expertise in forensics

13 for public crime laboratory services and for accreditation of

14 the crime laboratory by an appropriate national professional

15 accrediting body. The independent governing board shall have

16 members with the same expertise listed in subdivisions (2)(a)

17 through (f) of this section. The planning board shall develop the

18 plan within six months after the planning board was established

19 and report the plan to the mayor of the city, the county board of

20 the county, and the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the

21 Legislature. The plan shall be used by the Judiciary Committee as

22 the basis for legislation to implement the purposes set forth in

23 subsection (1) of this section.

24 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect

25 when passed and approved according to law.