

Date of Hearing: May 9, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair

AB 2898 (Gloria) – As Introduced February 16, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Emergency services: local emergencies.

**SUMMARY:** Requires a governing body of a local agency to review the need for continuing a local emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act every 60 days, instead of every 30 days.

**EXISTING LAW:**

- 1) Allows, pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, a local emergency to be proclaimed only by the governing body of a city, county, or city and county, or by an official designated by ordinance adopted by that governing body.
- 2) Provides, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, that the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days, unless it has been ratified by the governing body.
- 3) Requires the governing body to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency.
- 4) Requires the governing body to proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**COMMENTS:**

- 1) **Bill Summary.** This bill requires a governing body of a local agency to review the need for continuing a local emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act every 60 days, instead of every 30 days, and is sponsored by the author.
- 2) **Author's Statement.** According to the author, "AB 2898 saves taxpayer dollars and increases government efficiency at the city and county levels by extending the emergency declaration renewal requirement to 60 days."
- 3) **Arguments in Support.** Supporters note that existing law sometimes requires a city or county to convene special meetings when that governing body is not in session, for the sole purpose of voting on an extension of a local emergency, and that this bill allows for greater flexibility at the local level while still respecting the timeliness related to calling for a state of emergency.
- 4) **Arguments in Opposition.** None on file.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

American Red Cross  
Rural County Representatives of California  
California State Sheriffs' Association  
Christopher Ward, Councilmember, City of San Diego

**Opposition**

None on file

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