

GOVERNMENT CODE

SECTION 29080-29093

29080. On or before August 20 of each year, as the board directs, it shall meet at the time and place designated in the published notice, at which meeting any member of the general public may appear and be heard regarding any item in the proposed budget or for the inclusion of additional items. Any official whose estimates have been or are proposed to be revised, reduced, or increased, or who desires to change his or her estimates, shall be given the opportunity to be heard thereon. All proposals for the increase or the inclusion of additional items shall be submitted in writing to the clerk of the board before the close of the public hearing.

The board may, by resolution, extend on a permanent basis or for a limited period the date required by this section from August 20 to September 18.

29081. The hearing may be continued from day to day until concluded, but not to exceed a total of 10 calendar days, and shall be concluded before the expiration of 10 calendar days if there are no requests or applications on file with the clerk of the board for further hearings prior to the close of the hearings.

The board may, by resolution, extend on a permanent basis or for a limited period the number of days for a continuance under this section from 10 to 14.

29082. At the time the estimates for a budget unit are under consideration, the board may call in the official or person who submitted such estimates for examination concerning any matter relating to the budget. The person or official may also be called by the board if any member of the general public files with the clerk of the board a written request to question any of the estimates made by that official or person.

29083. The auditor, or a deputy designated by him, shall attend the public hearing on the proposed budget, and shall furnish the board with any financial statements and data it requires.

It shall be the responsibility of the auditor to revise the proposed budget to reflect the actions of the board pertaining thereto in developing the final budget document.

29084. The budget may contain an appropriation or appropriations for contingencies which the board may establish by either or a combination of the following methods:

(a) Setting aside an amount within a fund not to exceed 15 percent of the total appropriations from the respective fund exclusive of the amount of the appropriation for contingencies.

(b) Setting aside an amount in a separate contingency fund or in the General Fund not to exceed 15 percent of the total appropriations

contained in the budget, exclusive of all appropriations for bonded debt service and all appropriations for contingencies. The total appropriations on which the 15-percent limitation is based shall exclude the total appropriations on each fund for which an appropriation for contingencies is established pursuant to (a).

29085. The budget may contain reserves, including a general reserve, and designations in such amounts as the board deems sufficient.

29086. Except in cases of a legally declared emergency, as defined in Section 29127, the general reserve may only be established, canceled, increased or decreased at the time of adopting the budget as provided in Section 29088.

29088. (a) After the conclusion of the hearing, and not later than August 30 of each year, and after making any revisions of, deductions from, or increases or additions to, the proposed budget it deems advisable during or after the public hearing, the board shall by resolution adopt the budget as finally determined. Increases or additions shall not be made after the public hearing, unless the items were proposed in writing and filed with the clerk of the board before the close of the public hearing or unless approved by the board by four-fifths vote. The changes made pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 29064 may be recorded as changes to the final budget.

(b) Whenever the state budget is enacted after July 1, the board may, by resolution, extend the date specified by subdivision (a) for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the enactment of the state budget or October 2, whichever is later, or 15 days beyond the date specified in Section 29080.

(c) The board may, by resolution, extend on a permanent basis or for a limited period the date specified by this section from August 30 to October 2.

29088.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the 1992-93 fiscal year a county may adopt a final budget no later than November 2, 1992. All procedural deadlines specified in Sections 29066 to 29109, inclusive, shall be adjusted accordingly.

29089. The resolution of adoption of the budget of the county and of each special district shall specify:

- (a) Appropriations by objects of expenditure within each budget unit.
- (b) Other financing uses by budget unit.
- (c) Intrafund transfers by budget unit.
- (d) Residual equity transfers-out by fund.
- (e) Appropriations for contingencies, by fund.
- (f) Provisions for reserves and designations, by fund and purpose.

(g) The means of financing the budget requirements.

(h) The appropriations limit and the total annual appropriations subject to limitation as determined pursuant to Division 9 (commencing with Section 7900) of Title 1.

29090. The adoption of the budget may be accomplished by a resolution in which the adoption is effectuated by reference to the financing requirements in the budget as finally determined, provided that the minimum requirements set forth in Section 29089 are met in the budget document. If adopted by reference, the budget shall have the same effect and be subject to the same provisions of law as if the resolution of adoption had been accomplished by specific designation.

29091. The several amounts of proposed financing uses specified in the resolution as finally adopted are thereby appropriated at the object level except for fixed assets, which are appropriated at the subobject level as referenced in Section 29008 for the various budget units of the county and for the special districts for the period to which the budget is intended to apply.

29092. The board may set forth appropriations in greater detail than required in Section 29089 or 29091 and may authorize any additional controls for the administration of the budget as it deems necessary; the board may designate a county official to exercise these administrative controls.

29093. (a) A copy of the completed budget as finally determined and adopted shall be filed by the auditor in the office of the clerk of the board and the office of the Controller not later than November 1 of each year.

(b) (1) If the auditor, after receipt of written notice from the Controller, fails to transmit a copy of the budget within 20 days, he or she shall forfeit to the state one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be recovered in an action brought by the Attorney General, in the name of the Controller.

(2) Upon a satisfactory showing of good cause, the Controller may waive the penalty for late filing provided in paragraph (1).

(c) The board may, by resolution, extend on a permanent basis or for a limited period the date specified by this section from November 1 to December 1.

