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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1768

Introduced by Assembly Member Bryan
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(Coauthors: Assembly Members Wicks and Zbur)
(Coauthors: Senators Arreguín and Durazo)

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An act to add and repeal Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 7286.03) and Chapter 3.18 (commencing with Section 7287.22) of Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to ~~taxation~~ *taxation, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1768, as amended, Bryan. Transactions and use taxes: Counties of Contra Costa and Los Angeles.

Existing law authorizes various local governmental entities, subject to certain limitations and approval requirements, to levy a transactions and use tax for general or specific purposes, in accordance with the procedures and requirements set forth in the Transactions and Use Tax Law, including a requirement that the combined rate of all taxes that may be imposed in accordance with that law in any county not exceed 2%.

This bill would authorize, until December 31, 2031, the County of Los Angeles, by an ordinance adopted by the county, to levy a tax pursuant to the Transactions and Use Tax Law at a rate not to exceed

0.5% for general and special purposes, subject to voter approval, as specified. The bill would also authorize, until December 31, 2031, the County of Contra Costa, by an ordinance adopted by the county, to levy a tax pursuant to the Transactions and Use Tax Law at a rate not to exceed 0.625% for general or specific purposes, subject to voter approval, as specified. The bill would authorize those taxes to exceed the 2% limit described above.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Counties of Contra Costa and Los Angeles.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 7286.03)
2 is added to Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation
3 Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 2.5. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TRANSACTIONS AND
6 USE TAX

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8 7286.03. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the County of
9 Los Angeles may impose a transactions and use tax for general or
10 specific purposes to support countywide programs at a rate of no
11 more than 0.5 percent that would, in combination with all taxes
12 imposed in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law
13 (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)), exceed the limit
14 established in Section 7251.1, if all of the following requirements
15 are met:

16 (1) The county adopts an ordinance proposing the transactions
17 and use tax by any applicable voting approval requirement.

18 (2) The ordinance proposing the transactions and use tax is
19 submitted to the electorate and is approved by the voters voting
20 on the ordinance by the applicable voting approval requirement
21 in accordance with Article XIII C of the California Constitution.

1 (3) The transactions and use tax conforms to the Transactions
2 and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)),
3 other than Section 7251.1.

4 (b) Notwithstanding Section 7251.1, a transactions and use tax
5 rate imposed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not be considered
6 for purposes of the combined rate limitation established by Section
7 7251.1.

8 (c) If, as of December 31, 2031, an ordinance proposing a
9 transactions and use tax has not been approved in the County of
10 Los Angeles as authorized by subdivision (a), this chapter shall
11 be repealed.

12 SEC. 2. Chapter 3.18 (commencing with Section 7287.22) is
13 added to Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code,
14 to read:

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16 CHAPTER 3.18. COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA TRANSACTIONS
17 AND USE TAX
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19 7287.22. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the County of
20 Contra Costa, by ordinance, may impose a transactions and use
21 tax for general or specific purposes at a rate of no more than 0.625
22 percent that would, in combination with all taxes imposed pursuant
23 to Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251), exceed the limit
24 established in Section 7251.1, if all of the following requirements
25 are met:

26 (1) The board of supervisors of the County of Contra Costa
27 adopts an ordinance proposing the transactions and use tax by any
28 applicable voting approval requirement.

29 (2) The ordinance proposing the transactions and use tax is
30 submitted to the electorate and is approved by the voters voting
31 on the ordinance in accordance with the California Constitution.

32 (3) The transactions and use tax conforms to the Transactions
33 and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)),
34 other than Section 7251.1.

35 (b) Notwithstanding Section 7251.1, a transactions and use tax
36 rate imposed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not be considered
37 for purposes of the combined rate limit established by Section
38 7251.1.

39 (c) If, as of December 31, 2031, an ordinance proposing a
40 transactions and use tax has not been approved in the County of

1 Contra Costa as authorized by subdivision (a), this chapter shall
2 be repealed.

3 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute
4 is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable
5 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
6 Constitution because of the unique fiscal pressures being
7 experienced in the Counties of Contra Costa and Los Angeles in
8 providing essential programs that have been caused, at least in
9 part, by federal funding cuts.

10 SEC. 4. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
11 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
12 *the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall*
13 *go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*
14 *The County of Los Angeles has placed a 0.5 percent tax on the*
15 *ballot for June 2, 2026, ballot, and the County of Contra Costa*
16 *has placed a 0.625 percent tax on the ballot for June 2, 2026, and*
17 *to accommodate that, it is necessary that this act go into immediate*
18 *effect.*