

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 5, 2010
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: Equality California and the Conference of California Bar Associations

BILL NUMBER: AB 2700
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BILL SUMMARY: Domestic Partner Registration: Termination

This bill would authorize parties to a registered domestic partnership who are also married to one another to petition the court to dissolve both their domestic partnership status and their marriage status in a single court proceeding.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Judicial Council notes that this bill would result in minor, absorbable costs related to the adoption of the form required by this measure. Additionally, there would be a minor revenue loss associated with lower filing fee revenues due to two separate court filings being combined into one filing. There would, however, also be decreased workload and costs resulting from the combined proceeding, which would offset the revenue loss.

COMMENTS

Under existing law, there exists a process for the dissolution of a domestic partnership. There also exists a simplified court process for dissolving a marriage, if specified conditions are met. This bill would address the situation where registered domestic partners that are also married wish to dissolve both the domestic partnership and the marriage, which currently would entail two court proceedings.

This bill would authorize parties to a registered domestic partnership who are also married to petition the court to dissolve both their domestic partnership status and their marriage status in a single court proceeding. This bill would require the Judicial Council to prescribe the specified form for this process. The bill would specify that the court's jurisdiction concerning the status of a marriage includes those out-of-state same-sex marriage contracted on or after a specified date.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	SO	PROP		FC			FC	
	LA	CO	98	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012		
1647/Ct Filing Fee	RV	No	No	-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----	0932	
0250/Jud Branch	SO	No	No	-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----	0001	

<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>
0001	General Fund
0932	Trial Court Trust Fund

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