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GOVERNOR VETOES BILL AFFECTING COMPOSITION OF CITY AND COUNTY PERSONNEL AND MERIT COMMISSIONS

Under current law, city and county governments may establish a personnel or merit commission to administer personnel rules or a merit system. Assembly Bill (AB) 455, recently passed by Legislature, would have given employee unions a role in nominating appointees to these commissions. Under AB 455, a city or county's governing board would have appointed half of the commission members and selected the other half of the commission members from a list of nominees provided by the recognized employee union.

Governor Brown vetoed AB 455 on July 25, 2011. According to his veto message, AB 455 would have imposed a "top down, one-size-fits-all" requirement on all merit and personnel commissions which would have been inconsistent with his administration's efforts to increase local control.

If you have any questions about AB 455 or personnel or merit commissions in general, please do not hesitate to contact one of our [eight offices](#) located statewide or consult our [website](#).

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