

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1608**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Gipson and Akilah Weber**  
(Coauthor: Senator Pan)

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An act to amend Sections 24300, 24304, and 24304.1 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1608, as introduced, Gipson. County officers: consolidation of offices.

Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to consolidate the duties of various county offices in various combinations, including combining the duties of the sheriff and the coroner.

This bill would delete the authority to combine the duties of the sheriff with the duties of the coroner.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 24300 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 24300. By ordinance the board of supervisors may consolidate
- 4 the duties of certain of the county offices in one or more of these
- 5 combinations:
- 6 (a) Sheriff and tax collector.
- 7 (b) Auditor and recorder.
- 8 (c) County clerk, auditor, and recorder.

- 1 (d) County clerk and public administrator.  
2 (e) County clerk and recorder.  
3 (f) County clerk and auditor.  
4 (g) Treasurer and tax collector.  
5 (h) Treasurer and recorder.  
6 (i) Treasurer and assessor.  
7 (j) Treasurer and public administrator.  
8 (k) Public administrator and coroner.  
9 (l) District attorney and public administrator.  
10 (m) District attorney and coroner.  
11 ~~(n) Sheriff and coroner.~~  
12 ~~(o)~~  
13 (n) Sheriff and public administrator.  
14 ~~(p)~~  
15 (o) County agricultural commissioner and county sealer of  
16 weights and measures.  
17 ~~(q)~~  
18 (p) Road commissioner and surveyor. A county may create an  
19 office entitled public works director, combining the duties of road  
20 commissioner and surveyor and any other compatible duties not  
21 legally required to be performed by another county officer.  
22 ~~(r)~~  
23 (q) County surveyor and director of transportation.  
24 By the ordinance that consolidates the duties of the appointive  
25 county offices described in subdivision ~~(p)~~; (o), notwithstanding  
26 Section 2122 and Sections 2181 to 2187, inclusive, of the Food  
27 and Agricultural Code, and Sections 12200 and 12214 of the  
28 Business and Professions Code, the board of supervisors may  
29 provide that the first term only of the newly consolidated office  
30 expires when the first of the remaining unexpired terms of the two  
31 unconsolidated offices would have expired. Where a vacancy in  
32 either of the unconsolidated offices exists the term of office of the  
33 newly consolidated office shall be the longer of the remaining  
34 unexpired terms.  
35 SEC. 2. Section 24304 of the Government Code is amended  
36 to read:  
37 24304. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24300, in  
38 counties of the 13th to 58th classes, inclusive, the board of  
39 supervisors by ordinance may consolidate the duties of certain of  
40 the county offices in one or more of these combinations:

- 1 (a) Sheriff and tax collector.
- 2 (b) Auditor and recorder.
- 3 (c) County clerk, auditor, and recorder.
- 4 (d) County clerk and public administrator.
- 5 (e) County clerk and recorder.
- 6 (f) County clerk and auditor.
- 7 (g) Treasurer and tax collector.
- 8 (h) Treasurer and recorder.
- 9 (i) Treasurer and assessor.
- 10 (j) Treasurer and public administrator.
- 11 (k) Public administrator and coroner.
- 12 (l) District attorney and public administrator.
- 13 (m) District attorney and coroner.
- 14 ~~(n) Sheriff and coroner.~~
- 15 ~~(o)~~
- 16 (n) Sheriff and public administrator.
- 17 ~~(p)~~
- 18 (o) County agricultural commissioner and county sealer of
- 19 weights and measures.
- 20 ~~(q)~~
- 21 (p) County clerk and tax collector.
- 22 ~~(r)~~
- 23 (q) Treasurer, tax collector, and recorder.
- 24 ~~(s) Sheriff, tax collector,~~
- 25 (r) *Tax collector* and coroner.
- 26 ~~(t)~~
- 27 (s) Coroner and health officer.
- 28 ~~(u)~~
- 29 (t) Road commissioner and surveyor. A county may create an
- 30 office entitled public works director, combining the duties of road
- 31 commissioner and surveyor and any other compatible duties not
- 32 legally required to be performed by another county officer.
- 33 ~~(v) Sheriff, coroner,~~
- 34 (u) *Coroner* and public administrator.
- 35 ~~(w)~~
- 36 (v) Treasurer, tax collector, and public administrator.
- 37 ~~(x)~~
- 38 (w) County clerk, assessor, and recorder.
- 39 ~~(y)~~
- 40 (x) Assessor and recorder.

1     ~~(z)~~

2     (y) Tax collector/county clerk and treasurer.

3     SEC. 3. Section 24304.1 of the Government Code is amended

4     to read:

5     24304.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24300, in  
6     counties of the 11th class, the board of supervisors by ordinance  
7     may consolidate the duties of certain of the county offices, ~~in one~~  
8     ~~or both of these combinations:~~ *as follows:*

9     (a) County clerk, assessor, and recorder.

10    ~~(b) Sheriff, coroner, and public administrator.~~

11    (b) *Either of the following:*

12    (1) *Sheriff and public administrator.*

13    (2) *Coroner and public administrator.*