



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1853 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the retirement board of any county retirement system, operating under the Retirement Law of 1937, to unilaterally separate from the county where it operates.

This is too far-reaching. Previous bills that authorized a county retirement system to become independent were the result of agreement between the county and the retirement system. This more collaborative approach better serves the public interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.