



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 907 without my signature.

This bill requires the Orange County Board of Education (OCBOE) to be increased from five to seven members and requires an election for the OCBOE to be consolidated with the statewide general election in November of each even-numbered year.

I appreciate the author's intent to increase representation on the OCBOE. However, there are local processes for altering the number of members on a county board of education and changing when local elections are held. State circumvention of these local procedures, especially with respect to a single county board of education, should be avoided absent extraordinary circumstances. Unfortunately, I am not convinced those circumstances exist in the context of this legislation.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

