



## LASSEN COUNTY

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**Date:** December 12, 2023

**To:** Gary Bridges, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Barbara Longo, Director  
Health & Social Services

**Subject:** Resolution to Defer Implementation of Senate Bill 43  
until January 1, 2026.

#### Background:

The Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act of 1967 provides for involuntary commitment of individuals with serious mental illness for varying lengths of time for the purpose of treatment and evaluation, provided certain requirements are met. Additionally, the LPS provides for LPS conservatorship, resulting in involuntary commitment for the purposes of treatment, if an individual is found to meet the criteria of being a danger to themselves or others, or is gravely disabled, as defined by the law.

Senate Bill 43 (SB43) (Eggman, D-Stockton) to modernize the state's LPS conservatorship laws for the first time in more than 50 years. The law updates the definition for those eligible for conservatorship to include people who are unable to provide for their personal safety or necessary medical care, in addition to food, clothing, or shelter, due to either severe substance use disorder or serious mental health illnesses.

SB43 also amends existing law to change defined standards including evaluation, court-ordered evaluation, intensive treatment, and referrals beyond what is currently practiced in Lassen County. A county, by adoption of resolution of its governing body, may elect to defer the implementation of the changes made to SB 43, if the determination is made prior to January 1, 2024.

#### Fiscal Impact:

None.

#### Action Requested:

Adopt Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
TO DEFER IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 43 UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2026**

WHEREAS, despite strong medical professional and advocacy support for SB 43 (Eggman), Behavioral Health modernization of the state's conservatorship laws for the first time in more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, this new law expands the definition of "gravely disabled" to also include a condition in which a person, as a result of a severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder, and

WHEREAS, the expanded Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatorship requirements will impact the Lassen County Public Guardian Office, and as such the Lassen County General Fund, and

WHEREAS, SB 43 amends existing law to change defined standards including evaluation, court-ordered evaluation, intensive treatment, and referrals beyond what is currently practiced in Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, mental health intensive treatment and substance abuse treatment facilities do not exist in Lassen County, nor is there clarity or known facilities that exist in California that will accept placement for Lassen County residents diagnosed with co-occurring disorders, and/or physical health illness and disease, and

WHEREAS, Lassen County Behavioral Health Department, in partnership with Banner Lassen Medical Center, Lassen County Sheriff Department, and Susanville Police Department currently struggle to secure placement for Lassen County residents in need of intensive mental health or substance abuse disorder treatment facilities within existing laws; and

WHEREAS, Lassen County Behavioral Health and the Lassen County Office of Public Guardian will need additional time to assess, and identify staffing, training, County infrastructure, and resource needs for all County partners within Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, a county, by adoption of resolution of its governing body, may elect to defer the implementation of the changes made to SB 43, if the determination is made prior to January 1, 2024.

THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors exercises the option to implement the provisions set forth by SB 43 by January 1, 2026.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gary Bridges  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,  
County of Lassen, State of California

ATTEST:  
JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
Clerk of the Board

By: 

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Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2018.

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Lassen