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2008 Decision Citing LIS

LEGISLATIVE INTENT SERVICE, INC. has been cited in **over 60** court opinions. The latest one occurred in January of 2008, *Nguyen v. Nguyen*, which you can find at:
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This was an elections case before the Fourth Appellate District, decided on January 17, 2008, in which the Court rejected a challenge to a winner of an Orange County supervisorial seat.

The basis of the appeal involved the interaction between Elections Code sections 15267 and 19253, which related to recount requirements. To resolve the conflict between the two statutes’ recount methodologies and determine if the later-enactment of one of the statutes impliedly repealed the earlier-enacted statute, the Court reviewed the legislative history and determined that there was:

. . . absolutely no indication that the Legislature intended section 19253, subdivision (b)(1) to repeal section 15627, subdivision (a). They essentially occupy different fields. As the trial court noted, section 15627 specifically governs recounts, while section 19253 was the product of the Legislature’s effort to insure that electronic voting machines were kept honest by requiring them to have a means of objective, hard verification of their otherwise ephemeral electronic data. (page 21)

Finding the trial court’s earlier reconciliation to be both “insightful” and “scholarly,” this Court noted that this “reconciliation is *consistent* with the legislative history 2005 Senate Bill 370, which enacted section 19253 in 2005.” (page 23)

Reviewing the documents comprising the legislative history of section 19253, this Court stated further that:

. . . Page after page of the legislative history is devoted to the benefits of requiring DRE machines to have VVPATs, so that the electorate can have confidence in the electronic results of an election. On the other hand, it does appear safe to say that the legislative history is certainly *devoid* of any indication that the Legislature anted

to *repeal* section 15627, subdivision (a). (In this appeal Trung Nguyen opposed the Registrar's request that this court take judicial notice of the materials compiled by the Legislative Intent Service, Inc. constituting the legislative history of Senate Bill 370.)

There are two items in the legislative history that, in fact, *support* the trial court's interpretation against repealing section 15627. . . . (pages 23 and 24 [*all emphases in the original*])

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