

Central Valley doctor takes seat in Assembly

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SACRAMENTO - An emergency room doctor with a vision to reform health care and secure more water in the Central Valley is beginning a seven-month term in the California Assembly.

Joaquin Arambula of Kingsburg took office on Thursday to begin what could be among the shortest tenures in the Legislature's history. He'll have to focus almost immediately on keeping his seat through the June primary and November general election.

The 38-year-old physician brings the Democrats back to a 52-member majority in the lower chamber of the state Legislature.

Arambula won 53.5 percent of the 36,000 votes cast in a special election last week to replace former Democratic Assemblyman Henry Perea.

Juan Arambula watched his son take the oath of office to hold the same seat the elder Arambula held from 2004-2010.

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