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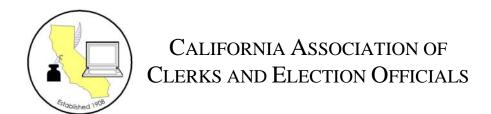
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May 29, 2007

Assembly Member Betty Karnette State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0054

Dear Assembly Member Karnette:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) reviewed **AB 1243** as amended April 30, 2007. This bill, which changes the terms absentee and permanent absentee to "vote by mail," and has subsequently been amended on May 17, 2007 and May 24, 2007, to allow the Secretary of State to use existing stock of affidavits of registration, absentee ballots, envelopes, instructions, etc. until depleted.

The Committee has taken a position of **Support** on the bill (as it was proposed to be, and has been amended). The Committee also voiced a concern that the change in terminology might affect existing mandated costs claims for Absentee Ballots and Permanent Absentee Ballot File Maintenance. We would appreciate either wording in the statute or a Legislative Counsel opinion to the effect that the change in terminology would not affect these claims. We would like to thank you for considering and addressing our concerns.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707) 565-1877.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson Correspondence Secretary Elections Legislative Committee California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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