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Assembly Member Danny D. Gilmore State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gilmore:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 2169** (as amended March 18, 2010) your proposal to specify that the phrase "in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony" includes incarceration in a county jail, or other alternative sentence.

We consider the policy implications of this bill a matter for the legislature; however, as the officials who are charged with administering the law, our concern revolves around the method by which we are informed as to which voters should be cancelled due to felony conviction, and the timeliness of the notification. Current law (E.C. 2212) requires the clerk of the Superior Court to furnish a list showing names addresses and dates of birth of all persons who have been convicted of felonies twice annually (April and September), in order that we may cancel the voter registrations. This information is currently not transmitted on a regular basis, nor consistently from county to county.

For this legislation to be effective, election officials must receive accurate information from the courts in a consistent, timely manner. With the implementation of the statewide voter registration database, it would seem feasible to accomplish this at the state level, ensuring more consistent, across the board application.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office at 707-565-1876.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson

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