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Assembly Member John A. Perez
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Dear Assembly Member Perez:

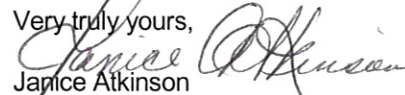
The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 780** (as introduced February 26, 2009), your proposal allowing voters who unexpectedly find themselves out of their county of residence to vote a ballot containing statewide candidates and propositions in the county in which they are temporarily located.

The Committee asked that I convey the concerns that were raised at the meeting. This proposal creates a new ballot containing statewide offices and propositions. Though a single statewide ballot may be envisioned, candidates for statewide office are rotated by Assembly District, creating multiple versions of the ballot, expanding further in primary elections to meet the needs of political parties. Additional costs for these ballots would initially be passed on to the State through the SB 90 process, however, as counties have experienced for many years, the State has a history of suspending reimbursement or failing to fund mandates, leaving counties to meet the expectations of voters.

The Committee discussed some alternative proposals which would not necessitate the creation of additional versions of the ballot, including possibility of faxing voters' ballots. There were concerns expressed regarding the definition of unexpected circumstances and the possibility this practice would become widespread and unmanageable.

We would appreciate working with you and your staff to draft language that would meet the needs of voters and election officials alike. Please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707-565-1876) or either Jill Lavine, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters (916-875-6060) or Deborah Seiler, San Diego County Registrar of Voters (858-694-3401), CACEO Elections Legislative Committee Co-chairs.

Very truly yours,


Janice Atkinson
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