

**BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST**  
2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR****SUMMARY****AB 106**  
PRICE  
4/13/09**VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGH DMV AND FRANCISE TAX BOARD**

Provides that a person may register to vote by completing and submitting to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) a voter form on an application for a new or renewed driver's license, instruction permit, junior permit, or identification card, or by completing and submitting to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) a voter form on a Personal Income Tax form. Requires the DMV and the FTB to transmit these voter forms to the elections official of the county in which the person resides. If the person named on these voter forms would not be 18 years of age at the time of the next election but otherwise satisfies the requirements to be registered to vote, he or she would be automatically registered to vote at 18 years of age. Requires that the respective form be developed no later than July 1, 2010.

**STATUS 5/28/09**

In Assembly Com. on APPR.: Heard, remains in Committee.

**CACEO POSITION**

Watch

**AB 257**  
ADAMS  
5/6/09**ELECTION IRREGULARITIES REPORT**

Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish a uniform report format that elections officials would use to document election incidents and voting irregularities during a regularly scheduled statewide election. The report submitted by election officials shall be made publicly available on the SOS Website.

**STATUS**

5/28/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 8/27/09 In Senate Com. on APPR.: Not heard.

**CACEO POSITION**

Watch with concern.

**AB 308**  
COOK  
5/11/09**RUNOFF BALLOT: SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTERS**

Requires local elections officials to prepare a special runoff ballot for each primary, special or general election to allow votes of special absentee voters, including military personnel who are temporarily living outside of the United States to be counted if there is a runoff election for any of the offices in that election. The completed special runoff ballot must be received by the elections official by the close of polls on election day.

**STATUS**

5/14/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 8/27/09 In Senate Com. on APPR.: Not heard.

**CACEO POSITION**

Oppose

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**AB 319**  
NIELLO  
4/13/09

**STATE MEASURE: BALLOT TITLE/SUMMARY**

Requires the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Attorney General, to prepare the ballot title and summary for all measures submitted to the voters of the state. Also requires the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, to prepare any fiscal estimate or opinion required by a proposed initiative measure. Operative upon voter approval of ACA 20.

STATUS 4/21/09

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**\*AB 419**  
CABALLERO  
1/14/10

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT: ORGANIZATION: ELECTIONS**

Requires the board of supervisors or the city council, to take action, to order and place an item on the ballot, within 45 days of notification by a local agency formation commission that it has made a decision that will require an election. Requires the elections official to place the item on the ballot at the next regular election if the board of supervisors or the city council fails to take action within the specified time period. Becomes effective January 1, 2011.

STATUS 1/15/10

In Assembly. To third reading.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 441**  
HALL  
4/02/09

**POLLING PLACES: PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

Prohibits a person from soliciting a donation or engaging in commercial activity, as defined, within 100 feet of a polling place or an elections official's office when a voter may be casting a ballot.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/16/09 In Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.: Not heard.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**AB 467**  
COTO  
2/24/09

**POLL CHANGE: VOTER NOTIFICATION**

Specifies that an elections official sending a vote by mail ballot along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the election must also include a statement explaining why there will be no polling place for the election and instructions on timely submitting a vote by mail ballot.

STATUS 3/12/09

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Further discussion (Letter of concern).

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**AB 624**  
MONNING  
3/26/09

**ELECTION PRECINCTS: SUBTRACT PVBM'S**

Authorizes a local elections official to subtract permanent vote by mail voters (PVBM'S) when determining the total number of voters in an election precinct, as specified.

**STATUS 3/26/09**

Read second time. Re-referred to Assembly Com. on E. & R.

**CACEO POSITION**

No position

**AB 780**  
PEREZ J.  
4/15/09

**STATEWIDE ELECTIONS: FAILSAFE BALLOTS**

Provides specified requirements to permit a voter who is unexpectedly away from his or her voting precinct on election day to vote a failsafe ballot for any statewide office or state measure at a county or precinct other than where the voter is registered to vote.

**STATUS 5/28/09**

In Assembly Com. on APPR.: Heard, remains in Committee.

**CACEO POSITION**

Watch

**AB 787**  
HILL  
6/1/09

**VOTE BY MAIL VOTER'S BALLOTS: POSTAGE**

Requires that the elections official provide a notification to the voter of how many first-class stamps or equivalent postage is required if it is determined that more than one first-class stamp is required to return the vote by mail voter's ballot. Requires the elections official to use the most cost-effective means available to notify the voter of the additional postage needed.

**STATUS**

6/2/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 8/27/09 In Senate Com. on APPR.: Not heard.

**CACEO POSITION**

Oppose

**AB 895**  
FURUTANI  
2/26/09

**PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS: NONPARTISAN VOTERS**

Enacts the Elections Reform Act of 2009 which would require 1) an election official to provide a sufficient number of ballots of each qualified political party in each precinct to reasonably meet the needs of the voters not registered intending to affiliate with one of the parties and 2) the precinct board to provide a written notice to those voters at a primary election that identifies those ballots that the voter is eligible to cast at that election. Requires that the notice provided to the voter be translated into a language other than English.

**STATUS 3/23/09**

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

**CACEO POSITION**

Support

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**AB 909**  
FEUER and  
FURUTANI  
4/21/09

**PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS: NONPARTISAN VOTERS**

Requires that a member of the precinct board provide written notification to a voter who has declined to state a party that he or she may request a ballot of a political party that has authorized a voter not registered with that party or a nonpartisan ballot. Requires the notification to list each political party that has authorized a voter not registered with that party to vote the ballot of that party.

**STATUS**

5/28/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 9/02/09 In Senate. To Inactive File.

**CACEO POSITION**

Support

**NOTE**

SOS Bill

**AB 971**  
KREKORIAN  
2/26/09

**VOTING SYSTEM: DESIGN STANDARDS**

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation requiring the Secretary of State to develop precise standards for the design of a voting system, including specified standards and specifications.

**STATUS 2/26/09**

Introduced.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed.

**\*AB 1133**  
NIELLO  
2/27/09

**VOTING: INCENTIVES/INTIMIDATION: PENALTIES**

Imposes penalties of imprisonment on 1) a person or committee who attempts to influence a voter through the use of money, gifts, loans or other valuable consideration, or through the use of force or coercion, to register to vote or to vote at an election and 2) a person who receives gifts, money, loans, or other valuable consideration in return for registering to vote. Also imposes felony penalties on a person who intimidates or hires another person to intimidate a voter, as specified, into among other things registering to vote and voting at an election.

**STATUS 1/13/10**

Died in Assembly Com. on PUBLIC SAFETY.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**AB 1278  
HARKEY  
4/14/09**

**STATE INITIATIVE MEASURES: BALLOT PAMPHLET**

**Requires that each state initiative measure that proposes the issuance of a state bond include within the ballot pamphlet additional specific information prepared by the Legislative Analyst.**

**STATUS 5/5/09**

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Held in Committee.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**AB 1308  
HAGMAN  
4/02/09**

**VOTER REGISTRATION: FELONS**

**Provides that a person on probation for the conviction of a felony is not eligible to register to vote. Requires election officials to cancel the affidavit of registration of those persons who are on probation for a felony conviction and no longer eligible to be registered voters.**

**STATUS 4/21/09**

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

**CACEO POSITION**

Watch

**NOTE**

**Related bills - AB 1415/Adams, SB 370/Runner and SB 631/Walters**

**AB 1335  
LIEU  
2/27/09**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE**

**Requires that a write-in candidate for the office of superior court judge include on the statement of write-in candidacy his or her compliance with certain eligibility provisions for a judge of a court of record.**

**STATUS**

5/18/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/4/09 To Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

**CACEO POSITION**

Support if amended

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**AB 1340**  
LOWENTHAL B  
8/17/09

**SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTERS: RECOUNT OF BALLOTS**

Requires 1) a county elections official to count a special absentee voter's ballot when it is received on or before the 6th day after the election 2) an elections official not later than 30 days after the certification of each election to report to the Secretary of State (SOS) information regarding special absentee ballots including the number of applications for special absentee ballots, the number of special absentee ballots delivered, and the number of special absentee ballots received before and after election day and 3) that not later than 60 days after the certification of the election, the SOS shall compile the information received and report to the appropriate policy committees of each house of the Legislature.

**STATUS**

5/28/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 8/27/09 In Senate Com. on APPR.: Not heard.

**CACEO POSITION**

No position

**NOTE**

SOS Bill

**AB 1356**  
BERRYHILL B.  
4/13/09

**IDENTIFICATION AT POLLS**

Requires a person to present specified proof of identification at the polls.  
Allows a voter unable to provide identification to vote a provisional ballot.

**STATUS 4/21/09**

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

**CACEO POSITION**

Watch (2/27 Am.)

**NOTE**

Related bills - AB 1415/Adams, SB 370/Runner and SB 465/Huff.

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**AB 1415  
ADAMS  
4/13/09**

**VOTING: OMNIBUS BILL**

**Provides that a person on probation for the conviction of a felony shall not be eligible to vote. Requires the elections officials to cancel the affidavit of registration of those persons who are on probation for a felony conviction and no longer eligible to be registered voters. Requires 1) that the vote by mail identification envelope include the last four digits of the voters' driver's license/identification card number or social security number and a security flap/sleeve to conceal the voter's signature and identifying information during mailing and 2) voter identification at the polls. Also specifies that a vote by mail ballot of a member of the United States Armed Forces who is an "absent uniformed services voter", as defined, shall be timely cast if postmarked or signed and dated by election day and received by the elections official no later than 21 days after the election.**

**STATUS 4/21/09**

**In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.**

**CACEO POSITION**

**Watch (2/27 Am.)**

**NOTE**

**Related bills – AB 1308/Hagman, AB 1340/Lowenthal, AB 1356/Berryhill B., AB 1367/Fletcher, AB 1424/Knight, SB 370/Runner, SB 465/Huff, SB 582/Dutton, and SB 631/Walters.**

**AB 1424  
KNIGHT  
4/13/09**

**VOTE BY MAIL IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE: SECURITY FLAP/SLEEVE**

**Requires that the vote by mail identification envelope include the last four digits of the voters' drivers license/identification card number or social security number and a security flap/sleeve to conceal the voter's signature and identifying information during mailing. Requires the elections official to verify that the signature of the voter and identifying information match those on other state or federal records for that voter. If it is not a match the envelope shall not be opened and the ballot shall not be counted.**

**STATUS 4/21/09**

**In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.**

**CACEO POSITION**

**Watch (2/27 Am.)**

**NOTE**

**Related bills - AB 1415/Adams and SB 370/Runner**

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**AB 1519**  
DE LA TORRE  
4/13/09

**VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**

Requires an elections official to provide to a qualified vote by mail applicant a business reply envelope in which to return the completed voted ballot. Provides for the establishment of a fund whereby moneys appropriated to the General Fund for purposes of these provisions shall be used to provide business envelopes in which to return the voted ballots.

STATUS 5/28/09

In Assembly Com. on APPR.: Heard, remains in Committee.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

**AB 1531**  
PORTANTINO  
9/04/09

**ELECTIONS: VOTER REGISTRATION**

Authorizes a person who qualifies to vote in the state to register or reregister at the office of local elections commencing on E-14 and continuing through election day. Provides that a person who registers on election day may cast a provisional ballot. Requires local elections officials to compile a list or index of voters who registered or reregistered to vote pursuant to such provisions and to conduct a review of the names on the list or index and cancel any duplicate voter registrations that may exist. Also makes conforming changes to provisions relating to provisional ballots. Becomes operative January 1, 2012.

STATUS

5/21/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 9/08/09 In Senate. Re-referred to Senate Com. on RULES.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**ACA 2**  
FURUTANI  
12/01/08

**PRE-VOTER REGISTRATION: 17 YEARS OLD**

Authorizes a person who is at least 17 years of age and will be 18 years of age at the time of the next general election to register to vote, subject to compliance with applicable registration requirements, and to vote in the general election and in any intervening primary or special election that occurs after the person registers to vote.

STATUS 6/23/09

From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Be adopted. 9/03/09 In Assembly. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION

No position



**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**ACA 14**  
HERNANDEZ  
2/27/09

**INITIATIVES MEASURES: PLACEMENT ON BALLOT**

Limits the number of initiative measure that the Secretary of State may place on each statewide election ballot prioritized according to the date of qualification. Prohibits qualified initiative measures not placed on the statewide election ballot from being placed on the ballot at a subsequent election. Allows a new initiative measure containing the same or a similar proposal to qualify for a subsequent election ballot.

**STATUS 6/23/09**

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Heard, remains in Committee.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**ACA 20**  
NIELLO  
3/31/09

**ELECTIONS: INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA**

Requires that the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Attorney General, prepare a title and summary of an initiative or referendum petition prior to circulation.

**STATUS 6/23/09**

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**NOTE**

Related bill - AB 319/Niello

**ACA 26**  
CALDERON C  
9/03/09

**INITIATIVES: VOTE REQUIREMENTS**

Provides that a proposed initiative statute that authorizes the Legislature to amend the initiative statute without voter approval by the electors may become effective only if approved by the electors by no less than the same percentage of the vote as would be required by the language in that proposed initiative statute for the Legislature to amend it without voter approval.

**STATUS 9/03/09**

Introduced.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**SB 370**  
RUNNER G  
4/1/09

**VOTING: OMNIBUS BILL**

Provides that a person on probation for the conviction of a felony shall not be eligible to vote. Requires the elections officials to cancel the affidavit of registration of those persons who are on probation for a felony conviction and no longer eligible to be registered voters. Requires 1) that the vote by mail identification envelope include the last four digits of the voters' driver's license/identification card number or social security number and a security flap/sleeve to conceal the voter's signature and identifying information during mailing and 2) voter identification at the polls. Also specifies that a vote by mail ballot of a member of the United States Armed Forces who is an "absent uniformed services voter", as defined, shall be timely cast if postmarked or signed and dated by election day and received by the elections official no later than 21 days after the election.

**STATUS 4/21/09**

In Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

**CACEO POSITION**

Watch

**NOTE**

Related bills – AB 1308/Hagman, AB 1340/Lowenthal, AB 1356/Berryhill B. AB 1367/Fletcher, AB 1415/Adams, AB 1424/Knight, SB 465/Huff, SB 582/Dutton and SB 631/Walters.

**SB 465**  
HUFF  
12/17/09

**IDENTIFICATION AT POLLS**

Requires a person to provide specified proof of identification at the polls. A voter unable to provide identification shall vote a provisional ballot. A voter casting a provisional ballot shall provide valid proof of identification to the county registrar of voters within five business days of voting.

**STATUS 1/5/10**

In Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A: Failed passage.

**CACEO POSITION**

Watch

**NOTE**

Related bills – AB 1356/Berryhill B., AB 1415/ Adams and SB 370/Runner.

**SB 582**  
DUTTON and  
RUNNER  
4/13/09

**RETURN OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS: MILITARY**

Provides that a vote by mail ballot of a member of the United States Armed Forces who is an "absent uniformed services voter" as defined, shall be timely cast if postmarked or signed and dated by the voter by election day and received by the elections official no later than 21 days after the election.

**STATUS 4/21/09**

In Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

**CACEO POSITION**

Watch (4/1 Am.)

**NOTE**

Related bills – AB 1340/Lowenthal, AB 1367/Fletcher, AB 1415/Adams, and SB 370/Runner.

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**SB 631**  
WALTERS and  
RUNNER  
4/2/09

**VOTER REGISTRATION: FELONS**

**Includes that a person on probation for the conviction of a felony is not eligible to register to vote and requires election officials to cancel the affidavit of registration of those persons registered to vote.**

**STATUS 4/21/09**

In Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**NOTE**

Related bill – AB 1308/Hagman, AB 1415/Adams, and SB 370/Runner.

**SB 754**  
WALTERS  
2/27/09

**STATE INITIATIVE MEASURES**

**Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions relating to the request for a title and summary of a proposed state measure.**

**STATUS 3/19/09**

To Senate Com. on RULES.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**SB 779**  
WALTERS  
2/27/09

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OR NOMINATION**

**Makes nonsubstantive change to provisions that requires the Secretary of State to provide a certificate of election or nomination to each elected or nominated person.**

**STATUS 3/19/09**

To Senate Com. on RULES

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**SB 795**  
WALTERS  
2/27/09

**STATE INITIATIVES**

**Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions that makes it a crime for a person working for the proponent of a statewide initiative or referendum to cover or obscure the Attorney General's summary of the measure from a prospective signer.**

**STATUS 3/19/09**

To Senate Com. on RULES

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

**BILL NO./  
AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY**

**SB 817**

Com. on E.R. &  
C.A  
6/30/09

**SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL VOTERS**

**Revises the term “special absentee voters” to “special vote by mail voters”.**

**STATUS**

4/27/09 Passed Senate. To Assembly. 7/1/09 In Assembly. To Inactive File.

**CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

Assembly	27
Senate	8
Total	35