



BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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

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 1/27/10

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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 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 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 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 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. 2/04/10 Withdrawn from Senate Com. on RULES. Re-referred to Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 1676
FUENTES
1/21/10

ELECTED OFFICIALS: RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Requires that a person elected to a state or local public office maintain his or her place of residence within the jurisdiction within which voters are qualified to vote for the office during his or her term of office. Requires a person who violates such provision to immediately forfeit his or her office and would disqualify the person from holding elected office in the future. Provides that such provisions would apply retroactively to all persons holding office. Imposes misdemeanor penalties on any person who violates these provisions. **Urgency.**

STATUS 1/27/10

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1681**
YAMADA
1/25/10

ELECTIONS: ALL-MAILED BALLOT ELECTIONS

Authorizes a pilot program in Yolo County that would allow elections, other than statewide primary or general elections or special elections to fill a vacancy in a state office, the Legislature, or Congress, to be conducted as all-mailed ballot elections under specified conditions. **Effective until December 31, 2016.**

STATUS 2/04/10

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1689**
TORRES
1/26/10

ELECTIONS: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Requires that the elements and practices to select delegates and alternates be the same as set forth in the standing rules and bylaws of the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Party of the state, as specified. Expands participation in the delegate selection process to a voter who declined to state a party affiliation but requested to vote the ballot of the Democratic Party at the partisan primary election. Requires the Democratic Party to post any rules and bylaws relating to these provisions on its Internet Web site. Also revises various timeframes relating to presidential primary elections.

STATUS 2/04/10

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 1717
DE LEON
2/2/10

BALLOT MATERIALS: ELECTRONIC ACCESS

Authorizes county and city elections officials to establish procedures that would allow a voter to opt out of receiving his or her sample ballot and other ballot materials by mail and instead obtain them via electronic means such as e-mail or accessing them from a county's or city's Internet Web site. Provided specified conditions are met.

STATUS 2/2/10

Introduced.

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

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

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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

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

SB 915
DENHAM
1/28/10

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM CIRCULATION

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires the proponents of an initiative or referendum to 1.) Submit the text of the proposed measure to the Attorney General requesting a title and summary for the measure prior to circulating the measure for signatures and 2.) Pay a fee at the time of submitting the text of the proposed measure.

STATUS 1/28/10
Introduced.

CACEO POSITION
To be discussed

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AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

NOTE: The following bills have been deleted from the summary as they failed to pass the house of origin by January 31st (CA Const. Art. IV, Sec. 10 (c)):

<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Senate</u>
AB 106	SB 370
AB 319	SB 465
AB 467	SB 582
AB 624	SB 631
AB 780	SB 754
AB 895	SB 779
AB 971	SB 795
AB 1133	
AB 1278	
AB 1308	
AB 1356	
AB 1415	
AB 1424	
AB 1519	

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Senate	2
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