



BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 257
ADAMS
5/06/09

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. 02/11/10 In Senate Com on Local Gov.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 909
FEUER
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

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

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 1531
PORTANTINO
9/04/09

ELECTION DAY 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 Re-referred to Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

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 4/6/10

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

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

ALL-MAILED BALLOT ELECTIONS: YOLO COUNTY

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 3/16/10

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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

DEMOCRATIC PARTY: RULES AND BYLAWS

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 4/6/10

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 1717
DE LEON
2/22/10**

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 under specified conditions.

STATUS 2/22/10

In Assembly. Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 1799
FONG
2/10/10**

VOTING BY MAIL: REPLACEMENT BALLOTS

Deletes the requirement that a voter who requests a replacement vote by mail ballot provide a statement under penalty of perjury that he or she has failed to receive, lost, or destroyed an original ballot. Specifies that if an original ballot is received from a voter who has requested a replacement vote by mail ballot, that original ballot shall be held until such time as it can be determined that the voter does not intend to return the replacement ballot. Also specifies in no event may more than one ballot of a voter be processed and tallied in an election.

STATUS 2/18/10

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 1832**
SALDANA
2/11/10

STATE INITIATIVES: FEE INCREASE

Beginning January 1, 2011 the new fee required to be submitted with the draft of an initiative measure shall be \$500 and shall be increased in \$500 increments every two years until 2017.

STATUS 3/16/10

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

***AB 1968**
NIELLO
2/17/10

STATE MEASURES: BALLOT TITLES

Redirects the responsibilities relating to the receipt of a draft of a proposed state initiative or referendum from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst. This includes the preparation of the ballot title and summary and any fiscal estimate or opinion if required. Becomes operative upon voter approval of ACA 20

STATUS 4/6/10

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

AB 1989
MENDOZA
2/17/10

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION: ELECTION

Deletes existing provisions relating to the selection of the county board of education in a chartered county and requires that, if, on January 1, 2011, a county charter provides for an appointed county board of education, board members in those chartered counties shall be elected beginning in the 2014 direct primary and subsequent primary elections.

STATUS 3/4/10

To Assembly Com. on EDUCATION.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

AB 2023
SALDANA
2/17/10

ELECTION RESULTS

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires the elections official of a county to: 1) Conduct a semifinal official canvass of the results of an election immediately upon the close of the polls and 2) Make the results of the balloting public.

STATUS 2/17/10

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 2088
ADAMS
2/18/10

RECALL PETITIONS

Deletes the provisions that require the elections official to count the number of signatures on a recall petition if there are fewer than 500 signatures. Provides that upon the occurrence of a vacancy, the elections official for each county in which a section of the recall petition has been filed is required to immediately verify the signatures on the petition submitted to the elections official as of the date of the vacancy.

STATUS 3/4/10

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 2101
FONG
2/18/10

ELECTIONS: PROHIBITING PAYMENTS

Imposes misdemeanor penalties on persons, as specified, who violate an order issued by the court prohibiting the persons from receiving money or other valuable consideration for 1) assisting another person to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit or 2) for gathering signatures on an initiative, referendum or recall petition.

STATUS 2/18/10

Introduced.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 2154**
SOLORIO
2/18/10

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS: TELEPHONE APPLICATIONS

Provides that an application for a vote by mail ballot may also be made by telephone if personal identifying information, as specified, is provided to the official. The signature of the applicant shall not be required.

STATUS 4/6/10

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 2169
GILMORE
2/18/10

AFFIDAVIT OF VOTER REGISTRATION

Makes a nonsubstantive change to the provisions that prescribe the form of the voter's affidavit of registration.

STATUS 2/18/10

Introduced.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 2330**
ARAMBULA
2/19/10

CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (CVRA)

Requires a voter who is a member of a protected class to file a written claim with the political subdivision where a violation of the CVRA is alleged prior to filing an action in superior court. Requires that the claim be filed 120 days prior to the date of the election subject to the claim. Provides that if the political subdivision fails to respond to the claim within 30 days the claimant may immediately file an action. **URGENCY.**

STATUS 3/11/10

To Assembly Coms. on E. & R. & JUDICARY.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

***AB 2369**
BLOCK
2/19/10

SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT: FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

Deletes sunset clause from provisions allowing a special absentee voter to return their ballot by facsimile transmission. Also amends related provisions to reflect permanent extension.

STATUS 4/6/10

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

***AB 2371**
ANDERSON
2/19/10

SECRETARY OF STATE: VOTER REGISTRATION FRAUD

Imposes additional duties on the Secretary of State when a written complaint alleging voter registration fraud is received from a county registrar.

STATUS 4/6/10

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

AB 2524
EVANS
2/19/10

STATE MEASURES: SOS WEBSITE

Requires that the Secretary of State post a state measure on his or her Internet Web site for a period of 30 days, during which the public would be permitted to post comments concerning the measure. Provides procedures for proponents of the measure to have a summary of a revised measure posted on the Secretary's Web site.

STATUS 2/19/10

Introduced.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 2616
HILL
2/19/10**

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS: VOTER ACCESS SYSTEM

Requires the Secretary of State, in coordination with county elections officials, to establish procedures by which a vote by mail voter may find out whether his or her vote has been counted, and if not, the reason why, via online access on the county's Internet Web site, or by means of a toll-free telephone number. Becomes operative upon implementation of the statewide voter registration database (VoteCal).

STATUS 2/19/10

Introduced.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

**AB 2624
HARKEY
2/19/10**

VOTER OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions that authorizes the Secretary of State to provide grants funded by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to local elections officials, nonprofit corporations, and unincorporated associations for voter outreach and voter education programs, or to increase accessibility for eligible voters with disabilities.

STATUS 2/19/10

Introduced.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

**AB 2732
ENG
2/19/10**

SPECIAL VACANCY ELECTIONS: INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING

Authorizes the board of supervisors to make a determination within 30 days of a vacancy on whether to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, or Member of the Assembly by using a prescribed instant runoff voting method, except that if 2 or more counties are affected, all counties would have to agree to use the instant runoff method.

STATUS 2/19/10

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 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

STATE MEASURES: BALLOT TITLES

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

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. 7/01/09 In Assembly. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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 02/11/10

To Senate Com. on RULES.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 970**
CORBETT
3/11/10

ELECTIONS: PREELECTION DAY VOTING

Requires the SOS in conjunction with the county elections officials, to select 4 college campuses, 2 within the University of California and 2 within the California State University, to serve as preelection day polling places for any precinct in the county's jurisdiction during at least one general election.
Operative until December 31, 2016

STATUS 3/11/10

In Senate. Re-referred to Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SB 994
PRICE
2/09/10

SPECIAL VACANCY ELECTIONS: PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Provides that expenses incurred for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Representative in Congress, are to be paid by the state and directly related additional expenses for elections consolidated with local elections, proclaimed by the Governor.

STATUS 2/18/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SB 1102
LIU
2/17/10

SPECIAL VACANCY ELECTIONS: ALL MAIL BALLOT

Allows a special general or primary election called to fill a vacancy in an office of Representative in Congress, State Senate, or Member of the Assembly to be conducted wholly by mail within a county, if certain conditions are satisfied.

STATUS 2/24/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

SB 1140
YEE and
OROPEZA
2/18/10

ONE-STOP VOTING (ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION)

Provides for the establishment of one stop voting sites where a person may register and vote on election day or any day prior to the election during which ballots are cast, upon proof of identity and current residence. Prescribes the provisions governing one stop voting.

STATUS 2/24/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SB 1202
DESAULNIER
2/18/10

STATEWIDE BALLOT PAMPHLET

Requires committees that are primarily formed to support each state measure to provide to the Secretary of State the names of the 5 highest contributors to the measure's qualification efforts and the total contributions made by each of these contributors to be included in the state ballot pamphlet.

STATUS 3/4/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SB 1203
DESAULNIER
2/18/10

PETITIONS: PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER

Requires an individual who receives compensation to circulate an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to identify himself or herself as a paid signature gatherer by wearing a badge printed in no smaller than 30-point font.

STATUS 3/4/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 1233**
OROZEPA
2/19/10

CONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS PROGRAMS

Deletes the sunset clause from provisions that establish 1) the "Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking" program and 2) the "Address Confidentiality for Reproductive Health Care Services Providers, Employees, Volunteers and Patients" program. Also deletes the sunset clause from provisions that provide voter registration confidentiality for participants of these programs.

STATUS 3/4/10

To Senate Coms. on E. R. & C. A. & JUDICIARY.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

SB 1342
SIMITIAN
2/19/10

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 3/4/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

SB 1346
HANCOCK
2/19/10

SPECIAL VACANCY ELECTIONS: INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING

Authorizes the board of supervisors to make a determination within 30 days of a vacancy on whether to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, or Member of the Assembly using a prescribed instant runoff voting method, except that if 2 or more counties are affected, all counties would have to agree to use the instant runoff method.

STATUS 3/4/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SB 1366
OROPEZA
2/19/10

POLL WORKER: TRAINING

Declares the intent of Legislature to enact legislation requiring the Secretary of State to periodically update poll worker training standards and to monitor county adherence to these standards.

STATUS 3/4/10

To Senate Com. on RULES

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

***SB 1404**
PAVLEY
2/19/10

ELECTIONS: BALLOT CARDS AND VOTING SYSTEMS

Requires: 1) The Secretary of State (SOS) to adopt regulations governing the manufacture, finishing, quality standards, and inventory control of ballot cards. 2) The biennial inspection of facilities that manufacture, finish, and store ballot cards and 3) A manufacturer or finisher of ballot cards to notify the Secretary of State and affected local election officials of defects. Also permits the (SOS) to seek relief for failure of disclosing known defects.

STATUS 3/11/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SB 1434**
PRICE
2/19/10

VOTER REGISTRATION: REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTIONS

Provides that if an affiant fails to identify his or her place of birth on an affidavit of voter registration, the county elections official shall apply a rebuttable presumption that the affiant is eligible to register to vote if the box on the affidavit of registration is marked, executed under penalty of perjury, that the affiant is a citizen of the United States.

STATUS 3/11/10

To Senate Com. on E. R. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

Assembly	31
Senate	14
Total	45