



BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 6
SALDANA
4/28/09

INITIATIVES: PAID CIRCULATORS

Requires 1) a professional petition firm, as defined, that pays individuals to circulate petitions and gather signatures for state and local ballot measures to register annually with the Secretary of State (SOS) and pay a registration fee established by the SOS, 2) that money collected from the fees shall be used by the SOS to maintain a directory of professional petition firms on its Internet Web site and 3) that a member of the firm review and brief petition circulators on the law as a condition of hiring.

STATUS

5/28/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 30
PRICE
12/01/08

PRE-VOTER REGISTRATION: 16 YEARS OLD

Authorizes a person at least 16 years of age to submit an affidavit of registration. The affidavit of registration shall be deemed effective as soon as the affiant would be 18 years of age at the time of the next election. Requires the local registrar of births and deaths to notify the county elections official monthly of all deceased persons 16 years of age and over whose deaths were registered the previous month. Becomes operative if the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a data base that complies with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

STATUS

5/21/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

No position

AB 67
NAVA
04/20/09

PROHIBITION: IMAGE OF A MINOR

Prohibits the use of a minor's name, voice, signature, photograph, or likeness in a campaign ad and communication for or against a candidate or a ballot measure without written consent from 1) the parent or legal guardian of the minor, if the minor is under 12 years of age or 2) the minor if he or she is 12 years of age or older

STATUS 4/30/09

From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Do pass. To Com. on Judiciary.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 84**
HILL
6/23/09

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS: VOTER ACCESS SYSTEM

Requires the local elections official to establish a free access system by which a vote by mail voter may find out whether his or her ballot was counted and if not, the reason why the ballot was not counted.

STATUS

4/30/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/29/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on APPR.

CACEO POSITION

Support

AB 101
ANDERSON
1/08/09

VOTE BY MAIL IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE: INSTRUCTION NOTICE

Requires that the vote by mail packet provided to each qualified applicant includes a notice on the identification envelope or in the instructions to the voter informing them that the ballot must actually be received by the elections officials before the polls close on election day in order for the ballot to be counted and that an envelope postmarked by the day of the election is not sufficient.

STATUS

5/4/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/29/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on APPR.

CACEO POSITION

Support

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

**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. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

No position

***AB 269**
SILVA
4/13/09

ELECTION OBSERVERS

Makes it a misdemeanor for a member of the public observing the processing of vote by mail ballots, the official canvass, or a recount to willfully engage in certain conduct, as specified, in order to ascertain the voter's identity or the voter's ballot choices.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/25/09 In Senate. To Special Consent Calendar.

CACEO POSITION

Support

AB 306
FULLER
4/13/09

STATE BALLOT PAMPHLETS

Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish a process to allow voters to opt out of receiving the state ballot pamphlet by mail. This process shall become effective only after the SOS certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with HAVA. Provides that the process shall not apply where two or more registered voters have the same postal address unless each of those voters sharing the same address has chosen to discontinue receiving the ballot pamphlet by mail.

STATUS

5/4/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/29/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on APPR.

CACEO POSITION

No position (Letter of Concern)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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. 6/29/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on APPR.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose

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 330
SALDANA
6/16/09

BALLOT TABULATION DEVICE TESTING: PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Requires a county elections official to provide at least a five day public notice of the time and place of 1) the required test or series of tests of any ballot tabulating devices 2) preparation and operation of those devices and 3) programming and testing of such devices.

STATUS

5/26/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (2/18 Am.)

NOTE

SOS Bill

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 436
SALDANA
4/14/09

STATE INITIATIVES: FEE INCREASE

Increases the fee every two years in specified increments that must be paid by the proponents at the time of submitting a draft of a state initiative measure. Requires that the fee be used to reimburse the Attorney General for the costs incurred. Deletes provisions for reimbursement of the proponent if the measure qualifies for the ballot.

STATUS

5/28/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

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).

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

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 686
RUSKIN
2/26/09

VOTING BOOTH: TIME LIMIT

Repeals provisions that limit a voter to 5 minutes in a voting booth or compartment while marking his or her ballot. Allows a voter to remain in the voting booth no longer than 10 minutes. However if a voter informs a precinct board member that he/she requires additional time to mark their ballot, a longer period shall be allowed.

STATUS

5/18/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

NOTE

SOS Bill

AB 742
SALDANA
5/12/09

FELONY CONVICTION STATEMENTS

Clarifies provisions relating to the cancellation of voter registration for a felony conviction. Specifies that the court clerk's statement must include only those convicted felons who have been sentenced to prison. Also specifies that the county elections official shall cancel the affidavit of registration of a person imprisoned or on parole for a felony conviction.

STATUS

5/28/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

No position

***AB 753**
ADAMS
6/9/09

STATE MEASURES: BALLOT TITLES AND LABELS

Revises the provisions relating to the duties of the Attorney General and Secretary of State regarding ballot measures and the regulations and time requirements for proponents of a ballot measure.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/25/09 In Senate. To Special Consent Calendar.

CACEO POSITION

No position (2/26 Am.)

NOTE

SOS Bill

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose unless amended. (4/15/09 Am.)

AB 894
FURUTANI
5/11/09

BALLOT MEASURES: ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

Requires the fiscal impact statement included in the title and summary of the Attorney General to be in boldface type. Requires, for a statewide measure that would result in increased cost to the state, the Legislative Analyst to provide an analysis of the measure's estimated impact on the state. Also specifies that the Legislative Analyst shall utilize, to the extent practicable, a uniform estimate of increase or decrease in revenue or cost of the measure.

STATUS

5/21/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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

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. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

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.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 1068
SALDANA
2/27/09

PETITIONS: SIGNATURE GATHERING CONTRACTS

Prohibits contracts for circulating petitions and gathering signatures for state measures that make payment contingent upon the measure qualifying for the ballot.

STATUS

6/1/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

No position

AB 1096
GALGIANI
6/01/09

PRECINCT MAPS

Provides that the elections official shall prepare precinct maps and may prepare exterior descriptions thereof. Includes all current precinct boundaries and precinct consolidations in the list of information that shall be available at the request of any interested person. The precinct information shall be made available in both print and electronic formats.

STATUS

6/2/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

No position (2/27 Am.)

AB 1121
DAVIS
4/28/09

RANKED VOTING

Authorizes the Secretary of State to approve not more than 10 cities or counties to conduct a local election using ranked voting if specified conditions are met. Requires local election officials to make certain reports relating to ranked voting elections. Also requires those cities and counties to report on the success of conducting those elections to the Legislative Analyst who shall then make a report to the Legislature.

STATUS

6/1/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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 4/28/09

In Assembly Com. on PUBLIC SAFETY: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1134**
MENDOZA
2/27/09

PETITIONS: WITHDRAWAL OF SIGNATURE

Provides that a voter's written request to withdraw his or her signature from a petition is not a petition or paper requiring a declaration of circulator.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/22/09 In Senate. To third reading.

CACEO POSITION

Support (Proposal #4)

***AB 1228**
YAMADA
6/23/09

ALL-MAILED BALLOT ELECTIONS: YOLO COUNTY

Authorizes a pilot program in Yolo County that would allow not more than 3 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.

STATUS

5/18/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

No position (4/13 Am)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 1271
KREKORIAN
4/28/09

VOTE BY MAIL: DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES

Authorizes any person to be designated in writing by a voter to receive, return or both receive and return the voter's vote by mail ballot. Prohibits an authorized representative from being a candidate or the spouse of a candidate, or a paid or volunteer worker of a committee, political party or organization as specified.

STATUS

6/1/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

Support

NOTE

SOS Bill

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

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 1326
HUFFMAN
2/27/09

VOTER REGISTRATION: THIRD PARTY HANDLING

Authorizes a qualified elector or the county elections official on behalf of the elector who is not registered but claims to have completed and deposited an affidavit of registration with a third party with the intent that it be timely delivered to the county elections official to bring action in the superior court.

STATUS

5/28/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/30/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Judiciary.

CACEO POSITION

Support (Proposal #12)

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 1337**
EVANS
6/8/09

ELECTIONEERING

Defines electioneering to mean the visible or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a polling place, an election official's office, or a satellite location in the provisions prohibiting electioneering.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/25/09 In Senate. To Special Consent Calendar.

CACEO POSITION

Support if amended (4/13 Am.)

NOTE

SOS Bill

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

AB 1340
LOWENTHAL B
2/27/09

SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTERS: RECOUNT OF BALLOTS

Requires a county elections official to count a special absentee voter's ballot when it is received on or before the 10th day after the election.

STATUS

5/28/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

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.

AB 1367
FLETCHER
4/28/09

RETURN OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS: MILITARY

Requires that the vote by mail ballot of a special absentee voter, as defined, who is temporarily living outside the United States or the District of Columbia shall be timely cast if it is postmarked or signed and dated on or before election day and received by the voter's election official no later than 21 days after the election.

STATUS 5/20/09

In Assembly. Com. on APPR.: Failed passage.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (2/27 Am.)

NOTE

Related bills - AB 1340/Lowenthal, AB 1415/Adams, SB 370/Runner, and SB 582/Dutton.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 1396**
TORRES
2/27/09

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Repeals and reenacts provisions relating to the state central committee for the Democratic Party to specify that the committee membership and certain procedures will be governed by the standing rules and by laws of the Democratic Party of California.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/22/09 In Senate. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

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.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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

***AB 1440**
SWANSON
6/25/09

STATE OF EMERGENCY: VOTING

Requires a county elections official to issue a provisional ballot that may be identical to the provisional ballot offered to other voters in the county to specified persons responding to an emergency declared by the Governor using a process to be determined by the elections official. Outlines the requirements that must be satisfied in order for the ballot to be counted.

STATUS

5/14/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

No position (2/27 Am.)

NOTE

SOS Bill

***AB 1490**
GALGIANI
2/27/09

ELECTIONS: RESULTS

Requires the elections official to report election results to the Secretary of State within 31 days and the results of presidential elections within 28 days, of the election.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/25/09 In Senate. To Special Consent Calendar.

CACEO POSITION

No position

NOTE

SOS Bill

**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 1525**
BEALL
6/25/09

ELECTION RECOUNTS

Allows a voter to request a recount in an election conducted in a shared county within 5 days beginning on the 29th day after the election.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

Support (2/27 Am.)

NOTE

SOS Bill

AB 1531
PORTANTINO
6/10/09

VOTER REGISTRATION – E-14 THROUGH ELECTION DAY

Authorizes a person who qualifies to vote in the state to register or re-register at the office of the local elections official commencing E-14 through election day at the person's precinct. Also prescribes the voting procedures for persons registering to vote during this period.

STATUS

5/21/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E.R. & C.A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 1572**
COM. on E. & R.
3/17/09

OMNIBUS BILL

Changes statutory references from “absentee ballots” to “vote by mail ballots”. Deletes reference to “nomination documents filed pursuant to Section 8020” from provisions requiring a candidate to submit a ballot designation worksheet, as specified. Deletes obsolete provision relating to the filing of a candidate’s statement by a candidate for judicial office. Also shifts the authority to bill the additional actual expenses and the obligation to refund any overpayment for a candidate statement from the elections official to the local agency that produced the estimated cost.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/22/09 In Senate. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed (Includes portion of Proposal #3)

***AB 1573**
COM. on E. & R.
3/17/09

ELECTIONS: VOTING

Requires that the Secretary of State be named as a real party in interest in writ proceedings concerning specific measures and candidates. Requires that vote by mail voter observers be permitted close access to observe vote by mail ballot return envelopes and the signature thereon.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/25/09 In Senate. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1574**
COM. on E. & R.
4/14/09

OMNIBUS BILL

Deletes the requirement that a member of the board of supervisors be authorized by the board to submit an argument for or against a county measure. Clarifies that the 14-day filing deadline to submit arguments for a city measure does not apply when the election is a consolidated election. Revises provisions governing the nomination period for municipal elections to specify the deadline to the close of normal business hours as posted. Also revises provisions governing sanitation districts to, among other things, require that the district formation election be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state.

STATUS

5/11/09 Passed Assembly. To Senate. 6/25/09 In Senate. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed (Includes Proposal #11 and CCAC proposals).

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***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. 7/1/09 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on APPR.

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

SB 6
MALDONADO
2/19/09

ELECTIONS: PRIMARIES

Permits a voter, at the time of registration, to choose whether or not to disclose a party preference. Provides a voter may vote for the candidate of his or her choosing in the primary election. Provides for a voter-nominated primary election for state elective office and congressional office in which the voter may vote for any candidate for congressional or state elective office without regard to the political party. Requires the two candidates with the highest vote totals compete at the general election.

STATUS

Chapter 1, 2009 Statutes.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SB 34**
CORBETT
4/14/09

PETITIONS: COMPENSATION FOR SIGNATURES

Prescribes misdemeanor penalties on a person who pays or who receives money or any other thing of value based in the number of signatures obtained on a state or local initiative, referendum or recall petition.

STATUS

5/14/09 Passed Senate. To Assembly. 7/7/09 Rescheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

No position

***SB 172**
FLOREZ
4/13/09

VOTER REGISTRATION: RESIDENCY CONFIRMATION

Provides that a county elections official may cancel the voter registration of a voter who fails to respond to a confirmation mailing or an address verification mailing and who does not vote at any election between the date of the mailing and four presidential elections after the date of that mailing.

STATUS

5/21/09 Passed Senate. To Assembly. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

***SB 288**
YEE
6/15/09

ELECTIONS: NAMES OF CANDIDATES

Requires that if a county provides a translation of the candidates' alphabet-based names into a character-based language, such as Mandarin, Chinese, Cantonese, Japanese, or Korean, phonetic translations or transliteration of the alphabet-based names of candidates be provided. Provides an exception for a candidate who has a character-based name by birth or has verifiably been known by a character-based name for at least two years may use that name instead of a phonetic translation or transliteration. Requires that a process be established by which a candidate may appeal the phonetic translation of his or her alphabet-based name.

STATUS

5/6/09 Passed Senate. To Assembly. 6/23/09 From Assembly Com on E. & R.: Do pass. 7/1/09 Scheduled to be heard in Com. on APPR.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose unless amended (4/21 Am.)

**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 387**
HANCOCK
3/31/09

BALLOTS: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Prohibits a voter from placing personal information upon a ballot that identifies the voter. Deletes the requirements that a ballot marked in a manner so as to identify the voter is void and instead requires a ballot that contains personal information to be segregated in a specified manner and requires that a duplicate ballot be prepared.

STATUS

5/14/09 Passed Senate. To Assembly. 6/23/09 From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Do pass. 7/1/09 Scheduled to be heard in Com. APPR.

CACEO POSITION

Further discussion

NOTE

SOS Bill

SB 465
HUFF
2/26/09

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.

STATUS 3/12/09

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

CACEO POSITION

Watch

NOTE

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

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SB 541
PAVLEY
6/11/09**

ELECTIONS: BALLOT CARDS AND VOTING SYSTEMS

Requires 1) the Secretary of State 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, 3) that a vendor of a voting system or part of a voting system include as part of its application for inspection to the Secretary of State, notification of known defects, faults, or failures and 4) that after receiving a vendor's written notification of a defect, fault, or failure, the SOS shall submit a report regarding the problem to the United States Election Assistance Commission. Also permits the SOS to seek relief, as specified, for a known but undisclosed defect, fault, of failure in an approved or conditionally approved voting system or part of the system.

STATUS

5/14/09 Passed Senate. To Assembly. 7/7/09 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (4/15 Am.)

NOTE

SOS Bill

**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.

**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.

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SB 740**
CEDILLO
2/27/09

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Provides that the provisional ballot shall be rejected if the provisional ballot envelope is not signed. Requires election officials to retain voted provisional ballots and their envelopes for 6 months from the date of the election.

STATUS

4/23/09 Passed Senate. To Assembly. 6/23/09 From Assembly Com. on E & R.: Do pass. 7/1/09 Scheduled to be heard in Com. APPR.

CACEO POSITION

Support

NOTE

SOS Bill

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
3/02/09

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. 6/23/09 In Assembly Com. on E & R.: Do pass as amended. To Consent Calendar.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SCA 4

MALDONADO
2/19/09

ELECTIONS: OPEN PRIMARIES

Proposes the “Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act” which would provide for a voter-nominated primary election to select the candidates for congressional and state elective offices in California. Specifies that all voters may vote at the voter nominated primary election for those candidates without regard to political party preference. Provides that a candidate may choose to have his or her party preference indicated on the ballot. Provides the two candidates with the two highest vote totals for each office will compete for the office at the ensuing general election.

STATUS

Resolution Chapter 2, 2009 Statutes.

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