

SB 6 Implementation on a Hart Voting System

There are three primary changes to ballot layout that are required by Proposition 14 and its corresponding legislative bill, SB 6.

Party Preference Format

First, the law amends Elections Code section 13150 to change the format of a candidate's political party preference on the ballot.

Prior to Proposition 14, the party preference of the candidate in general elections would be listed below the candidate's name and ballot designation, and would not appear on the ballot in primary elections. General election ballots would appear in the following form:

Joe Smith
Republican
Teacher

Under Proposition 14, ballots containing candidates for voter-nominated offices in a primary election must now display the political party preference of the candidate, or lack thereof, using the language "My Party Preference is the _____ Party." This language is to appear either to the right of the candidate's name, or directly below the candidate's name. The information would appear on the ballot in the following form:

Joe Smith
My Party Preference is the Republican Party
Teacher

The additional words required to be included in the party preference cause the ballot to approximately double in length. The consequences of a longer ballot include:

- Additional labor costs during the ballot inserting and extracting processes;
- Additional ballot printing costs of approximately \$120,000 per additional page;
- Additional postage to mail vote-by-mail ballots to voters; and
- Additional postage required for voters to return vote-by-mail ballots.

Beyond the additional costs associated with a longer ballot, the extra words reduce the readability of the ballot for voters, as the language reduces the amount of blank space and causes the ballot to appear cluttered.

There are also consequences to this amendment on the eSlate. In contests with a large number of candidates, it is likely that the additional party preference language will cause the contest to run onto a second page. Voters would need to scroll through multiple pages to view all of the candidates in a given contest. It is unknown at this time if the Hart software would even allow for this.

Instructions to Voters

The second change to the ballot layout that is required under Proposition 14 is the addition of new instructions to voters. These instructions explain to voters the new primary voting system, including who is eligible to vote for candidates in voter-nominated offices, party-nominated offices, and nonpartisan offices. Each of these types of offices includes a heading, followed by instructions. These additional instructions are to be printed in 8-point boldface gothic type, with the instruction headings printed in 24-point boldface gothic capital type. The instructions would appear substantially similar to the following:

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES

Only voters who disclose a preference upon registered to vote for the same party as the candidate seeking the nomination of any party for the Presidency or election to a party committee may vote for that candidate at the primary election, unless the party has adopted a rule to permit non-party voters to vote in its primary elections.

Similar headings and instructions would appear on the ballot before the voter-nominated contests and nonpartisan contests, as follows:

VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office.

Voter-Nominated Offices. The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only.

It does not constitute or imply an endorsement of the candidate by the party indicated, and no candidate nominated by the qualified voters for any voter-nominated office shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party.

Nonpartisan Offices. A candidate for a nonpartisan office may not designate a party preference on the ballot.

There are a number of concerns about these requirements for the Hart voting system. First, the Hart software does not allow the use of gothic as a font. Second, our current understanding of the Hart software requirements and limitations indicate that the instructions must be placed onto the ballot as an image, rather than text, due to space limitations on the number of characters that are allowed. The use of images on the ballot with the current software causes widespread system failures. Using images with the current Hart software is simply not an option. Third, the additional language substantially increases the length of the ballot. The concerns with increasing ballot length are discussed in the first section of this report. Finally, though not a concern specifically relating to the Hart system, the font sizes required for the headings and instructions clearly reduce the readability of the ballot for the voter.

Instruction & Column Formatting

The final issue faced by the Hart voting system in implementing the changes required by Proposition 14 relates to the formatting and column layout of the above headings and instructions.

Proposition 14 identifies those contests that are classified as nonpartisan, voter-nominated, and party-nominated. The only contests that are classified as party-nominated are contests for President and Vice President, and contests for Central Committee. All remaining contests are classified as either voter-nominated or nonpartisan. Proposition 14 requires that party-nominated contests appear in the columns on the left side of the ballot, and voter-nominated and nonpartisan contests appear in the columns on the right side of the ballot. This means that during primary elections the only contests appearing on the left side of the ballot will be for Central Committee and Presidential races, and all remaining contests will appear in the columns on the right. This will once again cause the ballot to increase in length.

Proposition 14 requires that the heading "Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices" span the width of the columns containing these contests. Presumably on a standard primary ballot the first column on the left will contain party-nominated offices, and the middle and right columns will contain voter-nominated and nonpartisan contests. This would require the heading "Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices" to span the width of the middle and right columns. This is currently not possible with the Hart software for paper or electronic ballots. If a change were to be made to the software to accommodate this requirement, the software would need to be certified with the California Secretary of State and the Elections Assistance Commission.

Vote Both Sides

Statewide Direct Primary Election

OFFICIAL BALLOT Nonpartisan

Orange County

December 25, 2010

Precinct 0025230

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your choices on the ballot. To vote on the contest or the measure, completely fill in the box to the left of your choice. To vote for a write-in candidate, completely fill in the box to the left of the space provided for that purpose and write-in the name of your choice on the line. If you are a voter at a polling place and wrongly mark, tear or deface any portion of your ballot, contact your poll worker. If you are a vote-by-mail voter, contact the Registrar of Voters office at 1300-C South Grand Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705, (714) 567-7600, to obtain another ballot. Voted ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters office no later than June 8, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

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**Member, County Central Committee
70th Assembly District**

Vote for no more than Six

- MARY YOUNG
Incumbent
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- ALLAN BARTLETT
Incumbent
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- MEGAN "MEG" CARA BARTH
Sales Marketing Professional
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- DICK NICHOLS
Incumbent
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- THOMAS A. "TOM" FUENTES
Incumbent
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- LYNN SCHOTT
Teacher/Entrepreneur
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- JOHN WARNER
Retired Business Owner
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- NICK WILSON

My party preference is the Republican Party.
- JACK WU
Appointed Incumbent
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- ERIK K. WEIGAND
Legislator's District Director
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- CAROL PRICE

My party preference is the Republican Party.
- SCOTT "SCOTTY" VOIGTS
Retired Construction Superintendent
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- JOHN DRAPER
Businessman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- WILLARD "BILL" DUNLAP
General Contractor
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- LINDA UPDEGRAFF
Retired Educator/Businesswoman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- ERIN KUNKLE

My party preference is the Republican Party.
- MATTHEW HOLDER
Appointed Incumbent
My party preference is the Republican Party.

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Nonpartisan Offices. A candidate for a nonpartisan office may not designate a party reference on the ballot.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Governor

Vote for One

- EDMUND G. "JERRY" BROWN
Attorney General of California
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- JOE SYMMON
Non-Profit Organization President
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- PETER SCHURMAN
Non-Profit Organization Consultant
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- CHARLES "CHUCK" PINEDA, JR.
Parole Board Judge
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- RICHARD WILLIAM AGUIRRE
Businessman
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- VIBERT GREENE
Mechanical Engineer/CEO
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- LOWELL DARLING
Independent Artist
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- LAWRENCE "LARRY" NARITELLI
Accountant/Controller
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- ROBERT C. NEWMAN II
Psychologist/Farmer
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- DAVID TULLY-SMITH
Primary Care Physician
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- MEG WHITMAN
Businesswoman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- STEVE POIZNER
Businessman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- BILL CHAMBERS
Railroad Switchman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- KEN MILLER
Family Broadcasting Executive
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- DOUGLAS R. HUGHES
Retired Business Owner
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- CHELENE NIGHTINGALE
Business Owner
My party preference is the American Independent Party
- MARKHAM ROBINSON
Software Firm Owner
My party preference is the American Independent Party

- LAURA WELLS
Financial Systems Consultant
My party preference is the Green Party.
- S. DEACON ALEXANDER
Student
My party preference is the Green Party.
- DALE F. OGDEN
Business Consultant/Actuary
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
- CARLOS ALVAREZ
Retail Worker
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
- STEWART A. ALEXANDER
Political Consultant
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
- MOHAMMAD ARIF
Businessman
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.

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Lieutenant Governor

Vote for One

- SCOTT L. LEVITT
Attorney
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- SAM AANESTAD
Doctor/California Senator
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- YVONNE R. GIRARD
Judicial Assistant
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- BERT DAVIS
Businessman
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- ABEL MALDONADO
Senator/Businessman/Farmer
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- DAVE HARRIS
Businessman
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- GAVIN NEWSOM
Mayor, City and County of San Francisco
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- ERIC KOREVAAR
Scientist/Father/Businessman
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- JANICE HAHN
Ballot Designation
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- JIM KING
Real Estate Broker
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- JAMES "JIMI" CASTILLO
Cultural Spiritual Advisor
My party preference is the Green Party.
- PAMELA J. BROWN
Economics Professor
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
- C .T. WEBER
Retired Government Analyst
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
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Secretary of State

Vote for One

- ORLY TAITZ
Attorney/Dentist/Businesswoman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- DAMON DUNN
Small Business Owner
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- MERTON D. SHORT
Aviator
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- ANN MENASCHE
Civil Rights Attorney
My party preference is the Green Party.
- MARYLOU CABRAL
Community Volunteer
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
- CHRISTINA TOBIN
Voting Rights Advocate
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
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Treasurer

Vote for One

- BILL LOCKYER
California State Treasurer
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- MIMI WALTERS
Businesswoman/Senator
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- ROBERT LAUTEN
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- CHARLES "KIT" CRITTENDEN
Retired Professor
My party preference is the Green Party.
- EDWARD M. TEYSSIER
Business Owner/Attorney
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
- DEBRA L. REIGER
Retired Technology Manager
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
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Controller

Vote for One

- TONY STRICKLAND
State Senator/Businessman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- DAVID EVANS
CPA/CFO
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- JOHN CHIANG
Controller
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- LAWRENCE G. BELIZ
Independent Businessman
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- NATHAN E. JOHNSON
Retired
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- ROSS D. FRANKEL
Accountant
My party preference is the Green Party.
- ANDREW "ANDY" FAVOR
Certified Public Accountant
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
- KAREN MARTINEZ
Retired
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
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Attorney General

Vote for One

- PEDRO NAVA
Attorney/Assemblymember
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- ALBERTO TORRICO
Workers' Rights Attorney
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- MIKE SCHMIER
Employee Rights Attorney
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- TED W. LIEU
Military Prosecutor/Lawmaker
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- ROCKY DELGADILLO
Attorney at Law
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- CHRIS KELLY
Attorney/Businessman
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- KAMALA D. HARRIS
District Attorney, City and County of San Francisco
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- TOM HARMAN
Attorney/Senator
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- JOHN EASTMAN
Constitutional Law Attorney
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- DIANE BEALL TEMPLIN
Attorney/RE Broker
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- PETER ALLEN
Attorney
My party preference is the Green Party.
- TIMOTHY J. HANNAN
Attorney/Arbitrator/Mediator
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
- ROBERT J. EVANS
Criminal Defense Lawyer
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
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Insurance Commissioner

Vote for One

- DAVE JONES
Member, California State Assembly
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- HECTOR DE LA TORRE
California Legislator
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- BRIAN FITZGERALD
Department's Enforcement Attorney
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- MIKE VILLINES
Businessman/State Assemblyman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- CLAY PEDERSEN
Retail Manager
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- WILLIAM BALDERSTON
Teacher/Union Organizer
My party preference is the Green Party.
- RICHARD S. BRONSTEIN
Licensed Insurance Broker
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
- DINA JOSEPHINE PADILLA
Injured Worker Consultant
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
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**Member, State Board of Equalization
3rd District**

Vote for One

- VIC BAKER
Engineer/Business Developer
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- MICHELLE STEEL
Member, Board of Equalization
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- MARY CHRISTIAN HEISING
Retired Businesswoman
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- TERRI LUSSENHEIDE
Home School Teacher
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- JERRY L. DIXON
Certified Public Accountant
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
- MARY LOU FINLEY
Special Education Assistant
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
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UNITED STATES SENATOR

Vote for One

- CARLY FIORINA
Business Executive
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- AL RAMIREZ
Businessman
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- CHUCK DEVORE
Assemblyman/Military Reservist
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- TOM CAMPBELL
Economist/Business Educator
My party preference is the Republican Party.
- TIM KALEMKARIAN

My party preference is the Republican Party.
- BARBARA BOXER
United States Senator
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- BRIAN QUINTANA
Businessman/Educator
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- ROBERT M. "MICKEY" KAUS
Journalist/Blogger
My party preference is the Democratic Party.
- EDWARD C. NOONAN
Computer Store Owner
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- AL SALEHI
Entrepreneur/Political Analyst
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- DON J. GRUNDMANN
Doctor of Chiropractic
My party preference is the American Independent Party.
- DUANE ROBERTS
Community Volunteer
My party preference is the Green Party.
- GAIL K. LIGHTFOOT
Retired Nurse
My party preference is the Libertarian Party.
- MARSHA FEINLAND
Retired Teacher
My party preference is the Peace and Freedom Party.
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
48th District

Vote for One

- BETH KROM
Irvine City Councilmember
- JOHN CAMPBELL
U.S. Representative, 48th District
- MIKE BINKLEY
Author
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MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY
70th District

Vote for One

- JAY FERGUSON
Businessman
- DONALD P. (DON) WAGNER
Trustee, South Orange County
Community College District
- JERRY AMANTE
Businessman/Councilmember
- STEVEN S. CHOI
Irvine Councilman/Businessman
- MELISSA FOX
Small Business Attorney
- MIKE GLOVER
Self Employed Attorney
- DEBORAH THARP
Student/Mother
-

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

JUDICIAL

Judge of the Superior Court
Office No. 2

Vote for One

- SCOTT STEINER
Deputy District Attorney
-

Judge of the Superior Court
Office No. 13

Vote for One

- NICK DOURBETAS
Deputy District Attorney
-

Judge of the Superior Court
Office No. 16

Vote for One

- ANDY MANSSOURIAN
Deputy District Attorney
- GERALD L. KLEIN
Attorney/Law Professor
-

Judge of the Superior Court
Office No. 39

Vote for One

- CHERI PHAM
Deputy District Attorney
-

Judge of the Superior Court
Office No. 50

Vote for One

- JULIAN W. BAILEY
Juvenile Court Referee
- LON HURWITZ
Superior Court Commissioner
-

SCHOOL

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Vote for One

- KAREN BLAKE
Geologist
- DANIEL M. NUSBAUM
Public School Teacher
- TOM TORLAKSON
Teacher/California Legislator
- FAARAX DAHIR SHEIKH-NOOR
- HENRY WILLIAMS JR.
Adjunct Professor
- DIANE A. LENNING
Retired Educator
- LARRY ACEVES
Retired School Superintendent
- GLORIA ROMERO
Educator/Senator
- LYDIA A. GUTIERREZ
Public School Teacher
- ALEXIA L. DELIGIANNI
Governing Board Member, Orange
Unified School District
- LEONARD JAMES MARTIN
Retired
- GRANT MCMICKEN
Mathematics Teacher/Educator
-

County Superintendent of Schools

Vote for One

- WILLIAM M. HABERMEHL
County Superintendent of Schools
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Member, County Board of Education
Trustee Area 5

Vote for One

- SCOTT SELLMAN
Businessman/Mortgage Broker
- ELIZABETH "LIZ" DORN PARKER
Member, Orange County Board of
Education
- GARY V. MILLER
Retired Teacher
-

COUNTY OF ORANGE

County Supervisor
5th District

Vote for One

- PATRICIA C. 'PAT' BATES
Orange County Supervisor, District 5
-

Assessor

Vote for One

- CLAUDE PARRISH
Businessman/Tax Consultant
- WEBSTER J. GUILLORY
Orange County Assessor
-

Auditor-Controller

Vote for One

- DAVID E. SUNDSTROM
Incumbent
-

County Clerk-Recorder

Vote for One

- HUGH NGUYEN
Assistant Clerk
- TOM DALY
County Clerk-Recorder
-

District Attorney

Vote for One

- TONY RACKAUCKAS
District Attorney of Orange County
-

Public Administrator

Vote for One

- JOHN S. WILLIAMS
Public Administrator of Orange County
- KEVIN VANN
Deputy Public Guardian
- STEVE ROCCO
Retired Educator/Caregiver
- COLLEEN CALLAHAN
Superior Court Clerk
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Sheriff-Coroner

Vote for One

- BILL HUNT
Investigations Business Owner
- CRAIG HUNTER
Deputy Police Chief
- SANDRA HUTCHENS
Appointed Orange County
Sheriff-Coroner
-

Treasurer-Tax Collector

Vote for One

- SHARI L. FREIDENRICH
Treasurer, City of Huntington Beach
- DAVID B. LANG
Trustee, South Orange County
Community College District
- KEITH RODENHUIS
Deputy Treasurer, County of Orange
- PATRICK "PAT" DESMOND
Auditor/College Professor
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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROPOSITION 17

ALLOWS AUTO INSURANCE COMPANIES TO BASE THEIR PRICES IN PART ON A DRIVER'S HISTORY OF INSURANCE COVERAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Permits companies to reduce or increase cost of insurance depending on whether driver has a history of continuous insurance coverage. Fiscal Impact: **Probably no significant fiscal effect on state insurance premium tax revenues.**

- Yes
- No

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