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Senator Joe Simitian State Capitol, Rm. 2080 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Simitian:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed the June 17, 2008 amendments to SB 967, your proposal regarding voting precinct size.

It is the Committee's position that subtracting the number of permanent vote by mail voters from the total number of voters when establishing election precincts makes good sense - for election officials, poll workers, voters and taxpayers alike. Regrettably, the recent amendments to this bill are not only difficult to comprehend, they negate any of the benefits of making adjustments to precinct size.

While we appreciate your attempt to assist election officials in this regard, we find it necessary to remove our support of the bill in its current form. Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office, at 707-565-1876.

Very truly yours,

. Janice *H*tkinson

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