



**BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2016-2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**SUMMARY
January 29, 2016**

<u>AB 31</u> Legislature and Congress Members: Domicile: Voting Fraud	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	12/01/2014
AMENDED	03/09/2015
STATUS:	03/09/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on E.&R.
CACEO POSITION:	To Be Discussed
SUMMARY:	Clarifies that a conclusive presumption regarding the residence address of a Member of the State Legislature or a Representative in Congress applies only if the address on the person's affidavit is a place where the person's habitation is fixed for some period of time. Requires the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute any violation of existing penal provisions regarding a fraudulent vote or fraudulent attempt to vote in a jurisdiction in which the person does not reside for voting purposes.

<u>AB 245</u> Elections: Penal Provisions	
AUTHOR:	Lackey
INTRODUCED:	02/09/2015
AMENDED	03/12/2015
STATUS:	03/12/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Increases the maximum fine for violation of existing law that prohibits the hiring of or arranging for a person in possession of a firearm, uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel to be stationed or posted at a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate elections official, as described.

<u>AB 278</u> District-Based Municipal Elections	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
AMENDED	06/01/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 In Senate Committee on E & C. A.: Reconsideration granted.

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AB 278 (Continued): CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the legislative body of a general law city with a population of 100,000 or more to adopt an ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by district. Requires that the boundary lines of each district be adjusted in accordance with specified provisions of existing law. Requires that the proposed boundaries satisfy specified criteria.

<u>*AB 350</u> <u>California Voting Rights Act of 2001</u>	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
AMENDED:	01/04/2016
STATUS:	01/25/2016 Passed Assembly. To Senate.
CACEO POSITION:	To Be Discussed
SUMMARY:	Amends existing law which prohibits the use of an at-large election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates or otherwise influence the outcome of an election, and which provides that certain voters may bring certain actions in superior court. Prohibits the use of a certain district-based election if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice. Requires a court to implement specified remedies in certain cases.

<u>AB 372</u> <u>Elections: Write-In Candidates</u>	
AUTHOR:	Bigelow
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
AMENDED:	04/23/2015
STATUS:	05/06/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Not heard.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires write-in candidates for a voter-nominated office who advance to the general election to pay the prescribed filing fee in order to appear on the general election ballot. Permits a candidate who alleges to be indigent and unable to pay the requisite fee to submit a statement of financial worth to the Secretary of State for consideration, and requires the Secretary of State to furnish the statement of financial worth to a candidate within a prescribed period and to determine whether a candidate who has submitted the statement is in fact indigent. Requires a candidate found not to be indigent to pay the filing fee within a prescribed time. Specifies that a candidate found to be indigent is not required to pay the fee to appear on the ballot.

<u>AB 479</u> <u>Elections: County Central Committees</u>	
AUTHOR:	Harper

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AB 479 (Continued):	
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
STATUS:	02/23/2015 Read first time.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that authorizes a county central committee to be elected in each county at every presidential primary election.

<u>AB 609</u> Members of the Legislature: Residency	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
AMENDED:	07/13/2015
STATUS:	08/27/2015 In Senate Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee.
CACEO POSITION:	No position
SUMMARY:	Permits a candidate for Member of the Legislature to file a statement with the Secretary of State in which the candidate voluntarily agrees that, if elected, he or she will continue to reside within the district from which he or she was elected during his or her term of office. Authorizes the Secretary of State to post on his or her Internet Web site voluntary statements of continuing residency filed with the secretary, as described.

<u>AB 800</u> Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Gomez
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	03/23/2015
STATUS:	05/28/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the elections official to deliver to each qualified applicant a return envelope with postage prepaid in which a vote by mail voter may return his or her ballot if the ballot is to be mailed within the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia.

<u>AB 884</u> Initiative Petitions: Title and Summary	
AUTHOR:	Rendon
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	05/05/2015
STATUS:	06/04/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Attorney General to include a specified title and summary if it is believed the measure would result in a constitutional right violation. Specifies that the statement does not count toward the 100-word limit and

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AB 884 (Continued): SUMMARY:	authorizes any elector to seek a writ of mandate challenging the inclusion of the statement.
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<u>AB 887</u> Military and Overseas Voters: Ballot Submission	
AUTHOR:	Ting
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED	01/04/2016
STATUS:	01/13/2016 Failed to pass Assembly Committee on E.&R.
CACEO POSITION:	Letter of Concern
SUMMARY:	Permits a military and overseas voter to return his or her ballot by electronic mail along with a copy of an identification envelope and an oath of voter declaration and to cast his or her vote on the Internet by electronically marking the ballot and securely transmitting the ballot to the appropriate elections officials. Requires the ballot to be received no later than the closing of polls on election day. Provides these measures will become operative after all security issues have been addressed.

<u>AB 971</u> Payment of Expenses	
AUTHOR:	Chang
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	05/28/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Requires expenses authorized and necessarily incurred to prepare for and conduct certain vacancy elections to be paid by the state.

<u>AB 1026</u> Secretary of State: Elections: Voter Turnout	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	03/19/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to meet with local registrars of voters, community groups, and other persons as determined by the Secretary of State to develop strategies for improving California's voter turnout. Requires the Secretary of State to present findings to specified committees of the Legislature no later than July 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on January 1, 2017.

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<u>AB 1143</u> Elections: Voter Registration Agencies	
AUTHOR:	Hadley
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	05/05/2015
STATUS:	05/28/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Requires the Franchise Tax Board to notify an individual taxpayer whose annual income tax return indicates a change of address from the prior year that he or she may register to vote or update his or her voter registration information through an online voter registration system.

<u>AB 1263</u> Election Day Procedures: Privileges of Voters	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	02/27/2015 Read first time.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law that allows a voter, without loss of pay, to take off enough working time that, when added to the voting time available outside of working hours, will enable the voter to vote if he or she does not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote at a statewide election, and provides that no more than two hours of the time taken off for voting shall be without loss of pay.

<u>AB 1273</u> Election: Fraud	
AUTHOR:	Linder
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	02/27/2015 Read first time.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law which makes it a crime for a person to commit or aid in fraud regarding the casting of a ballot in an election.

<u>AB 1408</u> Notaries Public: Fees	
AUTHOR:	Hadley
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	03/26/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Failed to pass Assembly Committee on Judiciary
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed

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AB 1408 (Continued): SUMMARY:	Deletes the maximum fee limitations that a notary public may charge for specified services, and prohibits a notary public from charging a fee to notarize signatures on vote by mail ballot identification envelopes or other voting materials or applications by United States military veterans for specified veteran's benefits.
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<u>AB 1414</u> Voter Registration: Requirements	
AUTHOR:	Grove
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	02/27/2015 Read first time.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing laws that set forth procedures for registering to vote and processing voter registration information and requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations that prescribe the form of the voter's affidavit of registration.

<u>AB 1457</u> Petition Circulator: Certification	
AUTHOR:	Obermolte
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	02/27/2015 Read first time.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law that requires a petition circulator, prior to soliciting signatures on an initiative petition, to execute and submit to the person, company official, or other organizational officer who is in charge of signature gathering a signed statement.

<u>AB 1458</u> Voters: Residency Confirmation	
AUTHOR:	Obermolte
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	02/27/2015 Read first time.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law requiring a county elections official to conduct a preelection residency confirmation procedure and authorizes a county elections official to contract with a consumer credit reporting agency or its licensees to obtain use of change-of-address data in lieu of mailing a residency confirmation postcard pursuant to the preelection residency confirmation procedure.

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<u>AB 1477</u> Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Burke
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	02/27/2015 Read first time.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires that the vote by mail ballot be available to any registered voter and requires an application for a vote by mail voter's ballot to be made in writing to the elections official having jurisdiction over the election.

<u>ACA 2</u> Elections: Voting Age	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	06/03/2015 In Assembly. To Inactive File.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a United States citizen who is 17 years of age, is a resident of the state, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next general election to vote in any intervening primary or special election that occurs before the next general election.

<u>SB 49</u> Elections: Special Elections	
AUTHOR:	Runner
INTRODUCED:	12/19/2014
AMENDED:	06/23/2015
STATUS:	08/24/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes the Governor to declare a candidate for a legislative office elected if only one candidate for the legislative office qualifies to have his or her name printed on the special primary election ballot, and cancels the special primary election and special general election if the Governor declares such a candidate elected. Requires the Governor to rescind the proclamation calling for the special election if a special primary election or a special general election is canceled because a candidate has been declared elected, as specified. Clarifies that a candidate is declared elected by the Secretary of State.

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<u>SB 129</u> Online Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Anderson
INTRODUCED:	01/21/2015
STATUS:	02/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that is operative when the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 or executes a declaration stating that certain conditions have occurred.

<u>SB 169</u> Elections: Polling Places	
AUTHOR:	Gaines
INTRODUCED:	02/05/2015
STATUS:	02/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that prohibits a place where the primary purpose of the establishment is the sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages from being used as a polling place.

<u>SB 437</u> California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Block
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	03/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that ensures that elections held in the state comply with the requirements of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 which prohibits the use of an at-large election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election.

<u>SB 450</u> Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Elections	
AUTHOR:	Allen and Hertzberg
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	07/07/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Support

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SB 450 (Continued): SUMMARY:	Authorizes a county to conduct any election as an all-mailed ballot election if certain conditions are satisfied, including conditions related to ballot dropoff locations and vote centers. Requires a county that conducts such an election to report certain information to the Legislature and the Secretary of State regarding all-mailed ballot elections. Requires the Secretary to report certain information regarding the success of such elections to the Legislature and a task force to review such elections.
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<u>SB 611</u> Initiative and Referendum Petitions: Circulation	
AUTHOR:	Lara
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	03/12/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that authorizes a person who is a registered voter or who is qualified to register to vote in this state to circulate an initiative or referendum petition anywhere within the state.

<u>SB 784</u> Provisional Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	03/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that provides that a voter is entitled to cast a provisional ballot if his or her qualification or entitlement to vote cannot be immediately established.

<u>SB 920</u> Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations	
AUTHOR:	Anderson
INTRODUCED:	01/27/2016
STATUS:	01/27/2016 Introduced
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law authorizing a vote by mail voter to return his or her voted vote by mail ballot to the elections official from whom it came at a vote by mail ballot drop-off location.

<u>SCA 8</u> Counties: Board of Supervisors: Redistricting	
AUTHOR:	Mendoza
INTRODUCED:	05/11/2015

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SCA 8 (Continued): AMENDED:	09/04/2015
STATUS:	09/11/2015 In Senate. To Inactive File.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to require the county charter, in a county with a specified population at a decennial United States census beginning with the 2020 United States census, to provide for a governing body consisting of a specified amount of members. Requires in such a county, the county charter to provide the expenditures for the governing body and its staff may not exceed a specified formula. Extends these requirements to a general law county with the same population factors.

<u>HR 411</u> Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2015	
AUTHOR:	Cohen
INTRODUCED:	01/20/2015
STATUS:	01/20/2015 To House Committee on House Administration
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote early voting in elections for federal office and to prevent unreasonable waiting times for voters at polling places used in such elections.

ASSEMBLY BILLS	21
SENATE BILLS	9
FEDERAL BILLS	1
TOTAL	31

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