



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

**SUMMARY
February 12, 2016**

<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.
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> California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
AMENDED	01/04/2016
STATUS:	02/04/2016 To Senate Committees on E. & C. A. and Judiciary.
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 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

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AB 609 (Continued): SUMMARY:	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.
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<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 authorizes any elector to seek a writ of mandate challenging the inclusion of the statement.

<u>AB 1494</u> Voting: Marked Ballots: Distributing and Digital Images	
AUTHOR:	Levine
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED	01/14/2016
STATUS:	02/04/2016 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a voter to take a photograph or digital image of his or her marked ballot and distribute or share that photograph or image using social media or by any other means, unless the voter does so for certain prohibited purposes. Exempts these acts from the criminal and civil penalties in existing law. Repeals a duplicate provision. Exempts from a crime in existing law a person examining or soliciting a voter to show a photograph or digital image of his or her marked ballot using certain means.

**<u>AB 1921</u> Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes any person to return the vote by mail ballot and specifically authorizes a paid or volunteer worker of a general purpose committee, controlled committee, or any other group or organization at whose behest the designee is performing a service to return an individual's vote by mail ballot. Prohibits a person designated to return a vote by mail ballot from

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AB 1921 (Continued): SUMMARY:	receiving any form of compensation, as defined, based on the number of ballots that the person has returned and prohibits an individual, group, or organization from providing compensation on this basis.
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<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>ACA 7</u> Voting Age: School and Community College District Governing Board Elections	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a person who is at least 16 years of age and a resident of the state to vote in a school or community college district governing board election in which that person would be qualified to vote based on residence.

<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 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
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.

<u>SB 920</u> Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations	
AUTHOR:	Anderson
INTRODUCED:	01/27/2016
STATUS:	02/04/2016 To Senate Committee on Rules.
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>SB 928</u> Homeless Individuals: Voter Registration, Identifiers	
AUTHOR:	Liu
INTRODUCED:	02/01/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires a homeless shelter that registers a person to vote to keep a record of the person it has registered to vote, including certain information about the person, and to transmit that information to certain government entities at least once per year. Authorizes an applicant who is a homeless individual to list the shelter, public space, cross street, or post office where he or she is living as his or her address on a driver's license or identification card.

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**SB 958 County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission	
AUTHOR:	Lara
INTRODUCED:	02/08/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Establishes the Citizens Redistricting Commission in the County of Los Angeles, which would be charged with adjusting the boundary lines of the districts of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles. Provides that the commission would consist of 14 members who meet specified qualifications. Requires the commission to adjust the boundaries of the supervisorial districts in accordance with specified criteria and adopt a redistricting plan, which would become effective 30 days following its submission to the county elections official. Makes legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the unique circumstances facing the County of Los Angeles.

**SB 967 Special Elections	
AUTHOR:	Vidak
INTRODUCED:	02/08/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the state to pay expenses authorized and necessarily incurred for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Member of the United States House of Representatives.

SCA 8 Counties: Board of Supervisors: Redistricting	
AUTHOR:	Mendoza
INTRODUCED:	05/11/2015
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.

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HR 411

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	8
SENATE BILLS	7
FEDERAL BILLS	1
TOTAL	16

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