BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SUMMARY
February 20, 2015

[AB 44](#)
Elections: Statewide Recounts

AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	12/01/2014
STATUS:	01/22/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to order an automatic manual recount of all votes cast for statewide office, the office of the President of the U.S., or a state ballot measure if the difference in the number of votes received is less than or equal to 0.1 percent.

[AB 182](#)
California Voting Rights Act of 2001

AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	01/26/2015
STATUS:	02/02/2015 To Assembly Committees on E. & R. and Judiciary.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Provides parallel provisions that prohibit the use of a district-based 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. Requires a court to implement specified remedies upon a finding that such an election was imposed or applied in a manner that impaired the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice.

[AB 245](#)
California Voting Rights Act of 2001

AUTHOR:	Lackey
INTRODUCED:	02/09/2015
STATUS:	02/09/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to provisions of law defining several terms for purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

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AB 254
Election Dates

AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/09/2015
STATUS:	02/09/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Eliminates the established election dates in March and April.

AB 277
California Voting Rights Act of 2001

AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
STATUS:	02/11/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Amends the California Voting Rights Act of 2001's definition of "political subdivision" to expressly include a charter city, charter county, or charter city and county. Specifies that it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this bill to codify the holding of the state courts regarding the applicability of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 to charter cities.

**AB 278
District-Based Municipal Elections

AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
STATUS:	02/11/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the legislative body of a 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 law.

**AB 363
Closing of the Polls

AUTHOR:	Steinorth
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
STATUS:	02/17/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a county elections official to account for ballots at the central counting place, to direct the precinct board to seal the ballots and to record certain information prior to the closing of the polls and to direct other elections officials to remove the sealed ballots prior to the closing of the

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**AB 372
Elections: Write-In Candidates

AUTHOR:	Bigelow
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
STATUS:	02/17/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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.

**AB 391
Voter Registration: Conditional Registration

AUTHOR:	Gallagher
INTRODUCED:	02/18/2015
STATUS:	02/18/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires that a registrant provide proof of residence in order for a conditional voter registration to be deemed effective. Provides that if a conditional voter registration is not deemed effective, requires the elections official to process the affidavit of registration, and if all other eligibility requirements are met, requires the registration to be effective in forthcoming elections.

SB 129
Online Voter Registration

AUTHOR:	Anderson
INTRODUCED:	01/21/2015
STATUS:	02/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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.

*SB 163
Elections: Vote by Mail Ballot

AUTHOR:	Hertzberg
INTRODUCED:	02/04/2015
STATUS:	02/19/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires county elections officials to issue a vote by mail ballot to every registered voter in the county for statewide primary, special and general elections.

*SB 169
Elections: Polling Places

AUTHOR:	Gaines
INTRODUCED:	02/05/2015
STATUS:	02/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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.

*SCA 2
Elections: Initiative: Referendum: Recall

AUTHOR:	Huff
INTRODUCED:	01/29/2015
STATUS:	02/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to the California Constitution that provides that all political power is inherent in the people and that government is instituted for their protection, security and benefit.

ASSEMBLY BILLS	9
SENATE BILLS	4
TOTAL	13

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