



**BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**SUMMARY
February 25, 2015**

<u>AB 44</u> 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.
<u>AB 182</u> 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.
<u>AB 245</u> 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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<u>AB 254</u> 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.

<u>*AB 277</u> California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
STATUS:	02/23/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.
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.

<u>**AB 278</u> District-Based Municipal Elections	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
STATUS:	02/23/2015 To Assembly Committees on E. & R. and Local Government
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.

<u>AB 363</u> 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 363 (continued)	polls and to deliver them to a receiving center or central counting place.
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<u>AB 372</u> 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.

<u>AB 391</u> 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.

**<u>AB 400</u> Department of Transportation: Changeable Message Signs	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2015
STATUS:	02/19/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Department of Transportation, by June 30, 2016, to update its internal policies to allow displays of safety, transportation-related and voting-relating messages on changeable message signs.

**<u>AB 477</u> Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
STATUS:	02/23/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Prohibits the elections official from rejecting a vote by mail ballot, if an

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AB 477 (continued)	elections official determines that a voter has failed to sign the identification envelope, if the voter completes and submits a vote by mail ballot affidavit before 5 p.m. on the day before the election. Requires the elections official, to compare the voter's signature on the affidavit, and if the signatures compare to attach the affidavit to the identification envelope and deposit the ballot, still in the identification envelope, in a ballot container in his or her office. Requires that the identification envelope to not be opened and the ballot to not be counted if the elections official determines that the signatures do not compare. Requires the Secretary of State to include the vote by mail ballot affidavit and instructions on completing the affidavit, and certain contact information for all elections officials, on his or her Internet Web site. Requires an elections official to include the vote by mail ballot affidavit and instructions, and certain contact information, on his or her Internet Web site.
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**AB 479 Elections: County Central Committees	
AUTHOR:	Harper
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
STATUS:	02/23/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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.

**AB 547 Elections: Special Elections: Vacancies	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
STATUS:	02/23/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that provides for the calling of a special election to fill a congressional or legislative vacancy, and requires that the special election occur within a specified number of days, not to exceed 180 days, following the issuance of a proclamation by the Governor.

**AB 554 Elections: Precinct Board Members	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
STATUS:	02/23/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes an elections official to appoint a pupil who is lawfully admitted for

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AB 554 (continued)	permanent residence in the United States, as defined in federal law, to serve as a precinct board member.
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**AB 562 Elections: Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Holden
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	02/24/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to be listed on the ballot under the heading, STATE. Removes other instructions relating to the placement of this office on the ballot.

**AB 683 Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems	
AUTHOR:	Low
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	02/25/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Revises the definition of voter verified paper audit trail+to instead mean a component of a direct recording electronic voting system that prints a synchronous paper record facsimile of each electronic ballot and allows each voter to confirm his or her selections before the voter casts his or her ballot.

**AB 786 National Voter Registration Act of 1993	
AUTHOR:	Levine
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	02/25/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Prohibits a county from canceling the prior registration of a voter upon notification by the Department of Motor Vehicles that the voter had moved to a different county, except at the voter's request, until the voter is registered to vote in the county to which he or she has moved.

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**AB 809 Election Dates	
AUTHOR:	Obermolte
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	02/26/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that generally requires that an election for a county, municipal, or district initiative measure that qualifies for the local ballot pursuant to specified procedures be held not less than 88 nor more than 103 days after the date of the order of election.

**AB 1020 Elections: Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Ridley-Thomas
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	02/26/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires that the former address be maintained with the voter record and the registration be updated.

**AB 1026 Secretary of State: Elections: Voter Turnout	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	02/26/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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.

**ACA 2 Elections: Voting Age	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	02/24/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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

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ACA 2 (continued)	election to vote in any intervening primary or special election that occurs before the next general election.
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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:	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.

<u>SB 163</u> 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.

<u>SB 169</u> 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.

<u>**SB 365</u> Vote By Mail Ballot Drop Boxes	
AUTHOR:	Pavley
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	02/24/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Permits a Vote by Mail voter to return his or her voted vote by mail ballot to

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SB 365 (continued)	the elections official from whom it came at a vote by mail ballot drop-off location. Requires the Secretary of State to promulgate regulations establishing best practices for security measures and procedures that a county elections official may use if the county elections official establishes one or more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations and vote by mail ballot drop boxes.
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**SB 366 Ballot Materials: Translations	
AUTHOR:	Nguyen
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	02/24/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Amends an existing law which requires that each translation of a ballot measure and ballot instructions posted at a polling place be provided by a person selected by an elections official from the list of approved translators and interpreters and expands the group of acceptable translators for purposes of those provisions to include persons on the Judicial council's Master List, persons qualified by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and persons from certain accredited institution by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education, and members of certain professional organizations.

**SB 415 Local Election Dates	
AUTHOR:	Hueso
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	02/25/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would prohibit a political subdivision from holding an election on a date other than the date of a statewide direct primary election or statewide general election if doing so would result in a significant decrease in voter turnout as compared to the voter turnout at a statewide election.

**SB 417 Elections: Election Day Procedures	
AUTHOR:	Stone
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	02/25/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes the precinct board of a county with a geographic area of at least 2500 square miles to remove the ballot container or containers from the polling place while the polls remain open only to facilitate the early delivery

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SB 417 (continued)	of ballots to the receiving centers or central counting places. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations for the secure delivery and transfer of the ballots to the receiving center or central counting place.
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**SB 437 California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Block
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	02/25/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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.

**SB 439 Conditional Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	02/25/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Allows a county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at satellite offices other than on election day.

**SB 450 Elections: Sample Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	02/25/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the application for a vote by mail ballot that is included with the sample ballot to include a space for the voter to apply for permanent vote by mail status.

**SB 505 Provisional Voting	
AUTHOR:	Mendoza
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	02/26/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law that allows a

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SB 505 (continued)	voter to cast a provisional ballot, and existing law that requires that statutes relating to provisional voting be liberally construed in favor of the voter.
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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	21
SENATE BILLS	12
TOTAL	33

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