



**BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2013-2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**SUMMARY
July 24, 2014**

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| <u>AB 269</u> Vote by Mail Ballots: Military or Overseas Voters | |
| AUTHOR: | Grove and Patterson |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/07/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 07/01/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/03/2014 In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Oppose, unless amended |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that any vote by mail ballot is timely cast if it is received by the voter's elections official no later than three days after election day and the ballot is postmarked on or before election day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before election day. |

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| <u>AB 280</u> Voting Rights Preclearance | |
| AUTHOR: | Alejo |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/11/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 06/18/2014 |
| STATUS: | 08/04/2014 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Oppose |
| SUMMARY: | Establishes a state preclearance system and provides that, under the system, if a political subdivision enacts or seeks to administer a voting-related law, regulation, or policy, as specified, that is different from that in force or effect on the date this act is enacted, the governing body of the political subdivision would be required to submit the law, regulation, or policy to the Secretary of State for approval. Requires the Secretary of State to approve the law, regulation, or policy only if specified conditions are met. Provides that the law, regulation, or policy shall not take effect or be administered in the political subdivision until the law, regulation, or policy is approved by the Secretary of State. Allows the governing body of the political subdivision to seek review of the Secretary of State's decision by means of an action filed in the Superior Court of Sacramento. |

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| <u>AB 882</u> Voter Registration and Recall Elections | |
| AUTHOR: | Gordon |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/22/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 06/16/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/25/2014 In Senate. Ordered to third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To Be Discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that if the county elections official receives an affidavit of voter registration that does not include all required information, the elections official may send any other document, as determined by the elections official, on which the affiant may provide the missing information if the county elections official is not able to collect the missing information by telephone. Provides that if 500 or more signatures on a recall petition are submitted to the elections official, the election official may verify, using a random sampling technique, either 3 percent of the signatures submitted or 500 signatures, whichever is greater. |

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| <u>AB 1117</u> Initiative Petitions: Electronic Access | |
| AUTHOR: | Donnelly |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/22/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 06/24/2013 |
| STATUS: | 08/30/2013 In Senate Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Secretary of State to provide on his or her Internet Web site an electronic mail address at which the proponent of a proposed initiative or referendum measure may submit to the Secretary of State a copy of the petition for the proposed measure in portable document format. Requires the Secretary of State, within two business days of receiving a petition in this manner, to provide on his or her Internet Web site a hyperlink by which the petition is available to the public and can be downloaded and printed. Requires that a specified disclaimer be included on the Internet Web page that makes the petition available to the public. |

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| <u>AB 1311</u> Recall Elections | |
| AUTHOR: | Bradford |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/22/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 03/21/2013 |
| STATUS: | 07/11/2013 In Senate. To Inactive File. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that when a vacancy occurs, the elections official for each county in which a section of the recall petition has been filed is required to immediately verify the signatures on the petition submitted to the elections official as of the date of the vacancy. Provides that if the elections official |

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| AB 1311 continued: | verifies that a sufficient number of signatures were filed as of the date of the vacancy, the recall election shall not proceed. Provides that if the elections official verifies that an insufficient number of signatures, or no signatures, were filed as of the date of the vacancy, the recall election shall not proceed and a vacancy in the office that is subject of the recall election shall be filed as otherwise provided by law. Deletes the requirement that a person appointed to fill the vacancy holds office only until a successor is selected and instead would prohibit a person who was subject to a recall petition from being appointed to fill the vacancy in the office that he or she vacated or to fill any other vacancy in office on the same governing board for the duration of the term of office of the vacated seat. |
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| <u>AB 1360</u> Common Interest Developments: Electronic Voting | |
| AUTHOR: | Torres |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/22/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 06/15/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/24/2014 Failed to pass Senate Committee on Judiciary. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Authorizes an association to conduct elections by electronic voting, as specified, and would enact related provisions, as specified. Specifies minimum requirements of an electronic voting system for an association election. Authorizes the Secretary of State to study and adopt regulations governing the use of electronic voting systems to determine whether the systems are capable of complying with these requirements. Provides that the independent third party or parties selected as an inspector of elections by the association may include, but is not limited to, a volunteer poll worker with the county registrar of voters, a licensee of the California Board of Accountancy, or a notary public. |

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| <u>AB 1440</u> Elections: District Boundaries: Public Hearing | |
| AUTHOR: | Campos |
| INTRODUCED: | 01/06/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/08/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/01/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the governing body to hold at least one public hearing on a proposal to adjust the boundaries of a division prior to a public hearing at which the political subdivision votes to approve or defeat the proposal. Requires a political subdivision that changes from an at-large method of election to a district-based election, as defined, to hold at least 2 public hearings on a proposal to establish the district boundaries of the political subdivision prior to a public hearing at which the governing body of the political subdivision votes to approve or defeat the proposal. |

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| <u>AB 1446</u> Voter Registration: Personal Information | |
| AUTHOR: | Mullin |
| INTRODUCED: | 01/06/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 03/25/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/01/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Amends provisions of existing law regarding voter registration to include compliance with rules governing the distribution of voter registration cards, the confidentiality of the voter's signature on an registration card, the distribution of voter registration cards at high schools and public institutions of higher education, providing a link from the county's website to the Secretary of State's website for registration purposes, and compliance of rules by persons paid to help a person register to vote. |

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| <u>AB 1589</u> Military or Overseas Voters: Electronic Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Frazier |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/03/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/01/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that the application for a ballot shall be considered a standing request for electronic delivery of a ballot for all elections conducted in the jurisdiction in which the military or overseas voter is eligible to vote and require the elections official to provide for electronic delivery of the ballot. |

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| <u>AB 1596</u> Elections: Vote By Mail Ballot Applications | |
| AUTHOR: | Garcia |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/04/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/26/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Requires a printed vote by mail application that allows a voter to submit the application by mail to inform the voter of the address for the elections official and specify that address the only appropriate destination address for the application, as specified. Provides that it not be construed as prohibiting an individual, organization, or group that distributes applications for vote by mail voter ballots from collecting or receiving applications from voters by means other than having applications mailed directly to the address of the distributing individual, organization, or group. |

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| <u>AB 1655</u> Local Government: Counties: Board of Supervisors | |
| AUTHOR: | Achadjian |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/11/2014 |
| STATUS: | 02/11/2014 Introduced. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing provisions that requires each county to have a board of supervisors consisting of 5 members and requires that no more than 3 members be elected at the same general election. |

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| <u>AB 1673</u> Political Reform Act of 1974: Contributions | |
| AUTHOR: | Garcia |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/12/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/09/2014 |
| STATUS: | 08/04/2014 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No Position |
| SUMMARY: | Revises the definition of %contribution+ to exclude a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer from the exemption authorizing a payment of \$500 or less by the occupant of a home or office for costs related to a meeting or fundraising event at the home or office, thereby making those payments by a lobbyist, lobbying [firm, or lobbyist employer a contribution for purposes of the act. Specifies that a violation of the act's provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor. |

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| <u>AB 1692</u> Political Reform Act of 1974 | |
| AUTHOR: | Garcia |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/13/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/08/2014 |
| STATUS: | 08/04/2014 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Authorizes certain candidates and elective officers to establish a separate legal defense fund campaign account to defray attorneys' fees and other related legal costs incurred in the defense of the candidate or elective officer, as specified. Defines the phrase %attorneys' fees and other related legal costs+. Provides that all contributions deposited into a campaign account are deemed to be held in trust for expenses associated with the election of the candidate or for expenses associated with holding offices. Provides that expenditure to seek or hold office is within the lawful execution of this trust if it is reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. Prohibits an expenditure of campaign funds for a fine, penalty, judgment, or settlement relating to an expenditure of |

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| AB 1692 continued: | campaign funds that resulted in a personal benefit to the candidate or officer if it is determined that the expenditure was not reasonably related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose, as specified. |
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| AB 1728 Political Reform Act of 1974 | |
| AUTHOR: | Garcia |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/14/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/08/2014 |
| STATUS: | 08/04/2014 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Revises the definition of %agency+ to include a local government agency formed pursuant to provisions of the Water Code. Revises the definition of %license, permit, or other entitlement for use+ with respect to proceedings before a local government agency formed pursuant to the Water Code to apply to all contracts that are not competitively bid. |

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| AB 1752 Redistricting: Incumbent Designation | |
| AUTHOR: | Fong |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/14/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/13/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/26/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No Position |
| SUMMARY: | Changes the order of which candidate shall be deemed the incumbent at the first election following decennial redistricting. Makes a conforming change to reflect the redistricting process. |

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| AB 1768 Declaration of Candidacy: Residence Address | |
| AUTHOR: | Fong |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/14/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/23/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/16/2014 Signed by Governor, Chapter 130, 2014 Statutes. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Provides elections officials with the discretion to allow a candidate for judicial office to withhold his or her residence address from a declaration of candidacy. Provides elections officials with the discretion to allow a candidate for any office whose voter registration information is confidential, as specified, to withhold his or her residence address from a declaration of candidacy. |

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| <u>AB 1817</u> Voter Registration: High School Pupils | |
| AUTHOR: | Gomez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/18/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 06/18/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/16/2014 Signed by Governor, Chapter 131, 2014 Statutes. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Designates the last two full weeks in April and in September to be high school voter education weeks, during which time persons authorized by the county elections official are allowed to register to vote students and school personnel on high school campuses in areas designated by the administrator of the high school, or his or her designee. Permits the administrator of a high school, or his or her designee to appoint one or more pupils who are enrolled at that high school to be voter outreach coordinators. Permits a voter outreach coordinator to coordinate voter registration activities on the high school campus that would encourage eligible persons to apply to register to vote by submitting an affidavit of registration. Permits the voter outreach coordinator, with the approval of the administrator or his or her designee, to coordinate other election-related activities on his or her high school campus, as specified. |

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| <u>AB 1836</u> Vote By Mail Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Jones |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/18/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 03/11/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/21/2014 From Assembly Committee on E. & R. without further action. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Oppose |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the elections official to provide each polling place with a blank roster for recording specified information from persons returning a vote by mail ballot, including the name and residence address of the person authorized by the voter to return the voter's vote by mail ballot. Requires that the identification envelope contain the address of the person authorized by the voter to return the vote by mail ballot. Requires the person authorized to return the voter's vote by mail ballot to present proof of his or her identity and residency, as specified. Requires the elections official or precinct board member to contact the voter to verify that the person is authorized to return the voter's vote by mail ballot If the person is unable to present proof of identification or residency. Prohibits a voter's vote by mail ballot from being counted unless the person returning the ballot presents proof of his or her identity and residency or the elections official or precinct board member verifies that the person is authorized by the voter to return the ballot. |

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| <u>AB 1861</u> Budget Act of 2013 | |
| AUTHOR: | Harkey |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/19/2014 |
| STATUS: | 02/27/2014 To Assembly Committee on Budget. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Amends the Budget Act of 2013 by removing voter identification procedures from the list of suspended state-mandated local programs. Appropriates \$7,553,000 from the General Fund to pay for mandate claims for Voter Identification Procedures, as specified. Declares that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill. |

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| <u>AB 1873</u> Mail Ballot Elections | |
| AUTHOR: | Gonzalez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/19/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/28/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/26/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support if amended |
| SUMMARY: | Authorizes a board of supervisors of a county, until January 1, 2020, to conduct a special election or special consolidated election to fill a congressional or legislative vacancy wholly by mail under specified conditions. Authorizes any jurisdiction conducting a special election wholly by mail to process vote by mail ballot return envelopes beginning 29 days before the election, and authorizes any jurisdiction in possession of the necessary computer capability to process vote by mail ballots on the 10 th business day before the election, as specified. |

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| <u>AB 2003</u> Ballot Materials and Translations | |
| AUTHOR: | Fong |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2014 |
| STATUS: | 03/03/2014 To Assembly Committee on E. & R. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position |
| SUMMARY: | Specifies that the elections official is allowed to select an accredited translator registered with the American Translators Association to provide the translation. |

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| <u>AB 2028</u> All-Mailed Ballot Elections: San Mateo County | |
| AUTHOR: | Mullin |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/28/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/19/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support if amended |
| SUMMARY: | Authorizes San Mateo County to conduct all-mailed ballot elections pursuant to existing provisions that requires the county to report to the Legislature and the Secretary of State, as specified. Requires that ballot dropoff locations be fixed in a manner so that the number of residents for each ballot dropoff location does not exceed 100,000 on the 88th day prior to the day of election if it would result in more dropoff locations, as specified. |

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| <u>AB 2093</u> Petitions: Filings | |
| AUTHOR: | Grove |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/13/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/09/2014 Signed by Governor, Chapter 106, 2014 Statutes. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support with suggested amendments |
| SUMMARY: | Specifies that, if the final day to file an initiative or referendum petition falls on a holiday, as defined, the petition may be filed with the county elections official on the next business day. Specifies that this act shall not be construed to affect any matter pending in the courts of this state on the date this act is enacted. |

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| <u>AB 2177</u> Early Voting | |
| AUTHOR: | Brown |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 07/01/2014 |
| STATUS: | 08/04/2014 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Letter of concern |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Secretary of State to provide guidance to local election officials in performing tasks for the purpose of promoting and expanding the practice of early voting consistent with specified statutory authority. Defines early voting as a vote by mail ballot in person at the office of the elections official or another location designated by the elections official either before or on the day of the election. Allows county elections officials to apply for funding from any private or public source, including, not limited to, the Secretary of State for funding from the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, to provide early voting. Requires an elections official, on at least one |

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| AB 2177 continued: | Saturday and Sunday on or after the date the elections official first delivers ballots to vote by mail voters for a statewide election, or for any other election as determined by the elections official based on voter demand, to allow voters to vote in the election by means of early voting at the early voting location designated for this purpose, provided that the location is accessible and complies with disability access requirements under federal and state law. Permits the elections official to determine the hours of operation for the designated early voting location or locations for each Saturday or Sunday on which early voting is offered, provided that each location shall be open to voters for a minimum of 6 hours on each designated Saturday and Sunday. Specifies that the provisions regarding Saturday voting would not apply to elections conducted wholly by mail or to precincts in which each voter is furnished with a vote by mail ballot, as specified. Becomes operative on January 1, 2016. |
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| AB 2206 Public Records: Local Agencies: Exception to Disclosure: Peace Officers | |
| AUTHOR: | Gomez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/29/2014 |
| STATUS: | 04/29/2014 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Local Government. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that any person described as a peace officer is exempt from the disclosure of records of the residence or mailing address, if that person or his or her recognized collective bargaining representative has requested confidentiality of that information to a local agency, and that local agency chooses to maintain a program that redacts that information or makes that information confidential. |

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| AB 2219 Initiative and Referendum Petitions: Verification | |
| AUTHOR: | Fong |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/01/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support if amended |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the elections official or registrar of voters during the examination of signatures to submit one or more reports to the Secretary of State showing the number of signatures that have been verified as of that date. Requires the maintenance of a list indicating the number of verified signatures based on the most recent reports. Requires the county or city and county elections official or register of voters to transmit the petition to the Secretary. |

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| AB 2233 Primary Elections: Party Eligibility | |
| AUTHOR: | Donnelly |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/13/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/26/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the elections official to reduce the number of signatures required on a petition in lieu of a filing fee for a special election that is held to fill a vacancy by the same proportion as the reduction in time for the candidate to collect signatures if the number of days for a candidate to collect the signatures is less than the number of days that a candidate would have to collect signatures on a petition at a regular election for the same office. Provides that the elections official is not permitted to reduce the number of signatures to less than 100 for a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress, state Senate, or Member of the Assembly. |

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| AB 2243 Elections: Voting Rights: Incarcerated Persons | |
| AUTHOR: | Weber |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/01/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to either establish and maintain on the department's Internet Web site a hyperlink to the Internet Web site at which the Secretary of State's voting rights guide for incarcerated persons may be found or post in each parole office a notice that contains the Internet Web site address at which the voting rights guide may be found. |

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| AB 2273 Payment of Elections Expenses | |
| AUTHOR: | Ridley-Thomas |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/23/2014 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support Los Angeles County sponsored |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2013, and for each year thereafter, 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, shall be paid by the state. Requires the state to pay only those additional expenses directly related to an election proclaimed by the Governor to a fill a vacancy in an |

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| AB 2273 continued: | office if the election is consolidated with a statewide or local election. |
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| AB 2277 Legislative Counsel: Legislative Session Information | |
| AUTHOR: | Mansoor |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| STATUS: | 03/06/2014 To Assembly Committee on Rules. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Requires that the vote information identify the party preference designation of each Member of the Legislature associated with a vote. Requires the Legislative Counsel to make available a list, for each Member, of the votes cast by the Member on every bill introduced in the current legislative session. Requires that this information be organized and made available for download in a specified format that would allow the public to search and aggregate the data. |

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| AB 2338 Initiatives: Writ of Mandate | |
| AUTHOR: | Wagner |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/30/2014 Failed to pass Assembly Committee on Judiciary. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that if a local initiative measure has been certified by an elections official as having qualified for the ballot, prohibit a public agency from bringing suit seeking a declaration of rights related to the construction or validity of the initiative measure until after the election for which the initiative measure qualified has been held. Requires that, if the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the initiative measure will be voted upon seeks to challenge the qualification or validity of the initiative measure, it shall do so by seeking the above-described writ of mandate or injunction during the 10-calendar-day public examination period in order to prohibit the initiative measure from being placed on the ballot. Requires that a peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the initiative measure does not qualify or is not valid for placement on the ballot, and that issuance of the writ of mandate or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law. |

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| <u>AB 2351</u> Political Party Qualification | |
| AUTHOR: | Gordon |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/23/2014 In Senate. From Consent Calendar. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that a party is qualified to participate in a primary election if, at the last preceding gubernatorial primary election, the sum of the votes cast for all of the candidates for an office voted on throughout the state who disclosed a preference for that party on the ballot was at least 2 percent of the entire vote of the state for that office, as specified. Revises the provisions for a political party that did not qualify to participate in the presidential primary election, but seeks qualification to participate in a presidential primary election is qualified if, at the last preceding gubernatorial primary election, the sum of the votes casts for all of the candidates for an office voted on throughout the state who disclosed a preference for that party on the ballot was at least 2 percent of the entire vote of the state for that office, as specified. |

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| <u>AB 2369</u> Elections: Voter Requested Recounts | |
| AUTHOR: | Hagman |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 06/19/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/26/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Modifies and applies existing law that establishes procedures by which a voter may request a recount of the votes cast in an election following completion of the official canvass, to the campaign committee that is represented by the voter filing the request to seek a recount. |

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| <u>AB 2394</u> Elections: Secretary of State | |
| AUTHOR: | Gorell |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| STATUS: | 04/22/2014 In Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Not heard. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Secretary of State, instead of the Attorney General, to prepare the ballot label and the ballot title and summary for all measures submitted to the voters of the state and the circulating title and summary for initiative and referendum measures. Provides that the office of the Secretary of State is also a nonpartisan office and would remove it from the list of voter-nominated offices. Becomes operative upon the approval by the voters of ACA ____ of the 2013-14 Regular Session. |

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| <u>AB 2407</u> Elections: Expenses | |
| AUTHOR: | Morrell |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| STATUS: | 02/21/2014 Introduced. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position |
| SUMMARY: | Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to provision of law that provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for and conduct of elections are to be paid from the county treasuries, except as specified. |

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| <u>*AB 2439</u> Secretary of State: Initiative Information | |
| AUTHOR: | Donnelly |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/08/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/21/2014 Signed by Governor, Chapter 168, 2014 Statutes. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Secretary to post on the Secretary's Internet Web site, and to include in a specified pamphlet prepared by the Secretary relating to the initiative process, information describing these services provided by the Secretary and the Legislative Counsel to the proponents of an initiative measure. Provides that violations of the act are punishable as a misdemeanor. |

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| <u>AB 2530</u> Ballot Processing | |
| AUTHOR: | Rodriguez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/23/2014 |
| STATUS: | 08/04/2014 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that if a vote by mail ballot, mail ballot precinct ballot, or provisional ballot is processed using signature verification technology that determines the signature do not compare, the elections official is required to visually examine and verify that the signatures do not compare before rejecting the ballot. |

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| <u>AB 2550</u> Election Dates | |
| AUTHOR: | Hernandez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/29/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/23/2014 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position |
| SUMMARY: | Requires general municipal and general district elections held on or after July 1, 2015, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of even-numbered years, or on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered or even-numbered year, subject to certain exceptions. Provides that these provisions may not be construed to shorten the term of office of any officeholder, as specified, or as altering the date of an election held in a district if the principal act of the district provides for a runoff election. Provides that, if a board of supervisors of a county of the first class denies a request to consolidate an election, that election will not be held on the date of the statewide election. |

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| <u>AB 2551</u> Local Ballot Measures: Bond Issues | |
| AUTHOR: | Wilk |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/23/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/26/2014 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position |
| SUMMARY: | Requires, for all bond issues proposed by a county, city and county, city, district, or other political subdivision, or by any agency, department, or board, that the statement of specified tax rate data include the best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold. Provides that the estimate may include information about the assumptions used to determine the estimate. |

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| <u>AB 2562</u> Elections | |
| AUTHOR: | Fong |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/23/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/30/2014 In Senate. From Special Consent Calendar. To Inactive File. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Clarifies the meaning of %registered voters+ of the district for purposes of those provisions that requires a specified number of registered voters of the district to sign the petition for a special election to fill a vacancy. Requires the registration to be deemed effective upon receipt of the affidavit by the |

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| AB 2562 continued: | county elections official if the affidavit is submitted electronically on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State on or before the 15th day prior to the election. Prohibits an elections official who is verifying signatures on a petition or paper from invalidating a signature for an incomplete or inaccurate apartment or unit number in the residence address. Repeals existing provisions that requires the county elections official to file a statement with the Secretary of State containing specified information for each election in the county held pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law and requires the county elections official to file the statement no later than December 31 immediately following a general district election. Delete and correct erroneous cross-references related to this provision of law. Corrects erroneous cross references to the code section that defines the terms direct recording electronic voting system and paper record copy for purposes of these provisions. |
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| <u>AB 2631</u> Elections: Voting Machines | |
| AUTHOR: | Dababneh |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 06/17/2014 |
| STATUS: | 08/04/2014 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Oppose |
| SUMMARY: | Modifies and updates the definition of voting machine to mean any electronic device into which a voter may enter his or her votes, and which, by means of electronic tabulation and generation of specified printouts and records, furnishes a total of the number of votes cast for each candidate or measure. Makes conforming changes and repeals obsolete provisions of existing law. Modifies and repeals certain precinct board requirements and procedures relating to the reading, posting, and inspection of the statement of return of votes cast for the precinct. Requires that certain references to the term voting System be substituted with the term direct recording electronic voting system . Requires a precinct board counting votes at the precinct by means of a voting machine to also complete a certificate of performance and to post results of votes cast form, as specified. |

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| <u>***AB 2684</u> Pupil Attendance: Service on Precinct Board | |
| AUTHOR: | Stone |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 06/12/2014 |
| STATUS: | 08/04/2014 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Specifies that, for the purpose of computing average daily attendance for pupils in independent study, a pupil serving as a member of a precinct board for an election shall not be required to participate in that activity for 5 or more consecutive days if specified requirements are met, specifies that an absence for those reasons shall not be considered an absence for |

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| AB 2684 continued: | purposes of generating state apportionment payments (Urgency). |
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| <u>AB 2715</u> District Based Municipal Elections | |
| AUTHOR: | Hernandez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/08/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/23/2014 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Permits the legislative body of a city to provide by ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by district if the voters of the city previously rejected such an ordinance, as specified. Provides that this provision be repealed on December 31, 2016. Requires the legislative body of a city with a population of 100,000 or more, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, to provide by ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by district, commencing January 1, 2017. Permits the legislative body of any other city to provide by ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by district, commencing January 1, 2017. Requires that the boundary lines of each district be adjusted in accordance with specified provisions of law. |

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| <u>ACA 12</u> Elections: Secretary of State | |
| AUTHOR: | Gorell |
| INTRODUCED: | 03/05/2014 |
| STATUS: | 04/22/2014 In Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Not heard. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that the office of the Secretary of State is also a nonpartisan office. Requires that an initiative or referendum petition be submitted to the Secretary of State instead of the Attorney General, and would transfer from the Attorney General to the Secretary of State the duty of preparing the title and summary for an initiative or referendum petition that is to be circulated. Requires that, for each measure that appears on a statewide ballot, that the Secretary of State prepare the ballot label and the ballot title and summary for the ballot pamphlet. |

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SB 113

Elections: Voter Registration

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| AUTHOR: | Jackson |
| INTRODUCED: | 01/15/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 07/01/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/01/2014 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that the minimum age for purposes of submitting an affidavit of registration is lowered to 16 years of age. Makes conforming changes to existing law. Requires that, if an affidavit of registration is submitted by a person who is at least 16 years of age and otherwise meets all voter eligibility requirements, the county elections official send a pre-registration notice to that voter upon a determination that the affidavit of registration is properly executed and that the person otherwise satisfies all eligibility requirements to vote, except that he or she is under 18 years of age. Prescribes the format of the voter pre-registration notice and makes conforming changes. Provides that a county elections official is not required to mail a residency confirmation postcard to any person under 18 years of age who has submitted a properly executed affidavit of registration and who will not be 18 years of age on or before the primary election. |

SB 240

Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Boxes

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| AUTHOR: | Yee |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/12/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 01/27/2014 |
| STATUS: | 01/30/2014 To Assembly. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Permits 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, as defined. Requires the Secretary of State to promulgate regulations establishing security measures and procedures that a county elections official would be required to comply with if the county elections official establishes one or more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations and vote by mail ballot drop boxes, as defined. |

SB 361

Elections: Voter Registration

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| AUTHOR: | Padilla |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2013 |
| AMENDED: | 08/26/2013 |
| STATUS: | 08/30/2013 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Not heard. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to ensure that any electronic |

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| SB 361 continued: | <p>system, as specified, under which a person may electronically submit on the Internet Web site of the Department of Motor Vehicles an application for the issuance or renewal of a driver's license or state identification card, or a change of address form, shall offer the person the opportunity to submit an electronic affidavit of voter registration, or to electronically update his or her voter registration information, on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to work jointly with the Secretary of State to ensure that the system provides all required notices and, for each applicant who indicates that he or she would like to apply to register to vote or update his or her voter registration information and consents to the use of his or her motor vehicle records for voter registration purposes, electronically transmits to the Secretary of State the information provided on the person's driver's license or state identification card application, or change of address form, as applicable, in a manner that does not require the person to duplicate or reenter the information. Requires the Secretary of State to report to the Legislature, as specified. Specifies that certain provisions of this bill shall become operative one year after the implementation of Vote Cal.</p> |
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| <p>***SB 942 Special Elections</p> | |
| AUTHOR: | Vidak |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/04/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/23/2014 In Senate Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2008, and before December 31, 2014, 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, shall be paid by the state (Urgency). |

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| <p>SB 963 Elections: Payment of Expenses.</p> | |
| AUTHOR: | Torres |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/06/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/23/2014 In Senate Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2013, and for each year thereafter, 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, shall be paid by the state. Requires the state to pay only those additional expenses directly related to an election proclaimed by the Governor to a fill a vacancy in an office if the election is consolidated with a statewide or local election. |

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| <u>SB 1043</u> Elections: In-Lieu-Filing Fee and Political Party Qualification Petitions: Penal Provisions | |
| AUTHOR: | Torres |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/18/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/26/2014 In Assembly. From Consent Calendar. To Inactive File. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Defines the term "politically party qualification petition" for these purposes to mean a petition circulated to qualify a political party in accordance with existing procedures. Provides that a person committing these specified activities in relation to the circulation, subscription, or signature of a political party qualification petition would be subject to the above penal provisions. Provides that a person committing these specified activities in relation to the submission of an in-lieu-filing fee petition would be subject to the penal provisions specified above. |

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| <u>SB 1061</u> Elections: Voter Registration | |
| AUTHOR: | Block |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/18/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/19/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/23/2014 In Senate Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position |
| SUMMARY: | Requires an application for a new or renewed California driver's license, instruction permit, junior permit, or identification card to contain an affidavit of registration and other specified information. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to confer with the Secretary of State and develop applications that are in compliance with these provisions and the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Provides that a person is permitted to apply to register to vote by completing the affidavit of registration portion of the application and require the Department of Motor Vehicles to transmit an electronic copy of the completed application to county elections officials, as specified. Provides that its provisions are operative on the date the Department of Motor Vehicles certifies to the Secretary of State that it has an automated application process, as specified. |

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| <u>SB 1062</u> Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Block |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/18/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/15/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/23/2014 In Senate Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the elections official to, in addition to existing provisions, also deliver to each qualified applicant a return envelope with postage prepaid by the Secretary of State in which a vote by mail voter may return his or her |

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| SB 1062 continued: | ballot if the ballot is to be mailed within the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia. |
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| <u>SB 1063</u> Voter Registration: Juvenile Detention Facilities | |
| AUTHOR: | Block |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/18/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 06/12/2014 |
| STATUS: | 06/24/2014 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires state and local juvenile detention facilities to identify individuals housed in those facilities who are of age to register to vote and not currently serving a sentence for a conviction of a felony, to provide affidavits of registration to eligible voters, to assist those individuals with the completion of the affidavits of registration, and to assist individual in returning the completed cards to the county elections official or to transmit completed voter registration cards to the county elections official. |

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| <u>SB 1105</u> Voter Registration: Cal Grant Program Application | |
| AUTHOR: | Liu |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/19/2014 |
| STATUS: | 02/27/2014 To Senate Committees on Education and E & C. A. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the standardized student financial aid application, if the application is submitted online, to permit the applicant to apply to register to vote online by submitting an affidavit of registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State. |

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| <u>SB 1253</u> Initiative Measures | |
| AUTHOR: | Steinberg |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 07/01/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/01/2014 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Attorney General, upon receipt of a request to prepare the circulating title and summary, to initiate a 30-day public review process for the proposed initiative measure. Requires that a fiscal estimate be prepared. Imposes specified requirements regarding ballot materials to be prepared by the Attorney General. Extends the date for filing a measure with the county elections official. Provides related requirements for the Secretary of State. Provides requirements for removal of an initiative. |

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| ***SB 1272 Campaign Finance: Advisory Election | |
| AUTHOR: | Lieu |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 06/26/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/22/2014 Became law without Governor's signature, Chapter 175, 2014 Statutes. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires that a special election is called to be consolidated with the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. Requires the Secretary of State to submit to the voters at the November 4, 2014, consolidated election an advisory question asking whether the Congress of the United States should propose, and the California Legislature should ratify, an amendment or amendments to the United States Constitution to overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010) 558 U.S. 310, and other applicable judicial precedents, as specified. Requires the Secretary of State to communicate the results of this election to the Congress of the United States. (Urgency) . |

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| SB 1365 California Voting Rights Act of 2001 | |
| AUTHOR: | Padilla |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 07/01/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/02/2014 In Assembly. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Prohibits 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 a district-based election was imposed or applied in a manner that impaired the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election. |

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| SB 1441 Political Reform Act of 1974: Contributions | |
| AUTHOR: | Lara |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/21/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/03/2014 |
| STATUS: | 07/03/2014 In Assembly. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed |
| SUMMARY: | Prohibits a lobbyist from making, and an elected state officer or candidate for elective state office from accepting, a contribution if the lobbyist is registered to lobby the governmental agency for which the candidate is |

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| SB 1441 continued: | seeking election or the governmental agency of the elected state officer. Revise the definition of %contribution+ to include a payment made by a lobbyist or a cohabitant of a lobbyist for costs related to a fundraising event held at the home of the lobbyist, as specified. Make these payments attributable to the lobbyist for purposes of the prohibition against a lobbyist making a contribution to specified candidates and elected officers. Revises the definition of %contribution+ to include a payment made by a lobbying firm for costs related to a fundraising event held at the office of the lobbying firm. Provides that a violation of the act's provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor. |
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| <p><u>SCA 16</u> Members of the Legislature: Vacancy</p> |
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| AUTHOR: | Steinberg |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/20/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/21/2014 |
| STATUS: | 05/23/2014 From Senate Committee on Appropriations: Be adopted, and rerefer to Committee on Rules |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Governor to fill a vacancy in either house of the Legislature by appointment within 21 days of the date of the vacancy, and would require that the appointee, at the time of the appointment and during the 12-month period immediately preceding the appointment, have the same political party preference as the vacating Member had when he or she was last elected to the Legislature. Allows the house to which the appointment is made to reject the appointment, by a majority vote, within 21 days of the appointment, in which case the Governor would be required to make another appointment. Provides that If an appointment is not rejected, the appointee would be eligible to take office the day after the end of the 21-day period and would serve for the remainder of the term of the vacating Member, except as specified. |

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