



**BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 71
HUBER
6/23/11**

LOBBYISTS: ONLINE DIRECTORY

Requires the online directory maintained by the Secretary of State to also contain information regarding lobbying interests. Requires that periodic reports filed by lobbyist employers and other persons contain the bill numbers of any legislation lobbied during the reporting period. Requires the Secretary of State to display on his or her Internet Web site a list of the lobbying interests containing a specific reference to a bill number reported, accompanied by a list of all lobbyist employer's who reported each of those lobbying interests for the prior calendar quarter.

STATUS

5/31/11 Passed Assembly. 8/15/11 In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 213
SILVA
1/31/11**

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

Requires a state agency, when it considers it appropriate, to mail or to electronically mail a notice of proposed action to adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation to local government agencies or local government agency representatives that are likely to be affected by the proposed action. Defines "local government agency representative".

STATUS 5/27/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr: Held in committee.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

*AB 299
ENG
1/4/12

VOTING RIGHTS: LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Revises the recruitment provisions to apply to precincts where the elections official is required to post translated facsimile ballots. Requires each county, not later than 60 days before the first statewide election held in every even-numbered year, to submit a specified report to the Secretary of State describing the county's plan for compliance with state and federal laws enacted to assist voters with limited English proficiency, as specified. Requires the elections official to evaluate complaints filed against precinct board members and would require the Secretary of State to select the best practices and resources for precinct board member training. Additionally requires the Secretary of State to consult with an advisory body composed of specified members for this purpose and to report violations of these provisions pursuant to law.

STATUS 1/9/12

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Not heard.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 346
ATKINS
6/15/11

POLLING PLACES: HIGHER EDUCATION CAMPUSES

Requires that state elections conducted by a county or a city and county, the county or city and county elections official shall establish at least one polling place with the county's or city and county's electoral jurisdiction on a higher education campus, except a county elective official of a county or city and county that does not have a higher education campus within its jurisdiction or a population of fewer than 150,000 people. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS

5/16/11 Passed Assembly. 7/5/11 In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Not heard.

CACEO POSITION

Letter of Concern (3/4 Am)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 392
ALEJO
4/14/11**

POSTING AGENDAS

Requires the legislative body of a local agency, at least 72 hours before a regular meeting of that body, to post the agenda and staff generated reports that relate to an agenda item for the open session of that regular meeting. Requires the legislative body to post the agenda and the writings on its internet web site or in a public location if the body has not web site.

STATUS 5/27/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr: Held in committee.

CACEO POSITION

No position

**AB 435
WAGNER
3/31/11**

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT: NONPARTISAN OFFICE

Prohibits the statement of a candidate for a nonpartisan local office from containing a pledge, promise, or commitment with respect to a matter that could come before the candidate in the office to which he or she is seeking election. Requires that the statement of the candidate's personal background and qualifications be limited to objective, verifiable facts concerning the candidate's experiences, accomplishments, and credentials and not include references to the candidate's beliefs, ideas, ideology, viewpoints, or campaign platform. Requires that each voter's pamphlet contain a notice informing the voter that each candidate's statement has been prepared solely by, and contains the representations solely of, that candidate and has not been independently verified by the elections official or any other government official or agency.

STATUS 3/31/11

In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

AB 477
VALADAO
4/5/11

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Requires that vote by mail ballots of special absentee voters, as defined, temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, be postmarked on or before election day and received by their elections officials not later than 10 days after election day. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS

5/2/11 Passed Assembly. 8/25/11 In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose (Am. 5/6)

AB 481
GORDON
4/5/11

PETITIONS: SIGNATURE GATHERERS

Requires an initiative, referendum, or recall petition, to reflect in specified language, whether it is being circulated by a paid circulator or by a volunteer. Requires an individual who circulates an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear a badge stating, in no smaller than 30-point type, that he or she is either a "paid" signature gatherer or "volunteer" signature gatherer on his or her chest in clear view of all individuals signing or asked to sign the petition. Defines the terms "paid circulator", "paid signature gatherer", "volunteer", and "volunteer signature gatherer".

STATUS

5/12/11 Passed Assembly. 6/27/11 In Senate. From third reading. To inactive file.

CACEO POSITION

No position (3/4 Am)

AB 781
PEREZ
8/29/11

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: COUNTIES: UNINCORPORATED AREAS

Provides for, the creation of a community services district in an unincorporated area of a county under certain conditions. Requires a local agency formation commission to, commence related oversight. Specifies the planning and land use requirements regarding a disincorporated city. Becomes operative only if AB 46 of the 2011-12 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted and takes effect.

STATUS

5/19/11 Passed Assembly. 8/29/11 In Senate. From third reading. To inactive file.

CACEO POSITION

No position

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 867
SWANSON
2/17/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Provides that an application for, a vote by mail ballot must be received by the elections official between the 29th and 7th days prior to the election. Authorizes a voter to designate an authorized representative in writing to an elections official to receive, return, or both receive and return, the voter's vote by mail ballot, who is unaffiliated with a candidate, PAC, or political party. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS

5/19/11 Passed Assembly. 6/21/11 In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.:
Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**AB 906
GALGANI
8/29/11**

**PROTECTION OF VICTIMS AND MURDER WITNESSES: ADDRESS
CONFIDENTIALITY**

Amends existing provisions that permit any person filing with the county elections official a new affidavit of registration or reregistration to have information relating to his or her residence address, telephone number, and e-mail address appearing on the affidavit, or any list or roster or index prepared therefrom declared confidential upon presentation of certification that the person is a participant in the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking program, to include witnesses who testified in a murder trial or has been subpoenaed to testify in a murder trial as specified. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS

6/2/11 Passed Assembly. 8/29/11 In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (3/4 Am)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 1141
ACHADJIAN
2/18/11**

VOTER EDUCATION: CITIZENSHIP

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing state law that authorizes the Secretary of State to provide grants to local elections officials, nonprofit corporations, and unincorporated associations to conduct voter outreach and voter education programs, or to increase accessibility for eligible voters with disabilities.

STATUS 2/18/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

Watch

**AB 1201
FONG
3/31/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION

Requires a county elections official who receives an affidavit of registration from a voter who resides or claims residence in another county to forward the affidavit to the elections official for that county and requires the elections official for the county in which the voter resides to accept the affidavit as the voter's record of registration. Provides that registration by that method is effective for all elections occurring 15 or more days after receipt of the affidavit.

STATUS

5/19/11 Passed Assembly. 6/2/11 To Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

No position

**AB 1232
LOGUE
2/18/11**

ELECTIONS: INITIATIVE PETITION

Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law which requires that a state or local initiative petition required to be signed by the voters contain a notice to the signers that the person circulating the petition may be a paid signature gatherer and that the signer has the right to inquire.

STATUS 2/18/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

*AB 1251
DAVIS
1/4/12

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Removes the designation of the pilot program permitting local government agencies to participate in a pilot program whereby certain officials of those agencies may file their statements of economic interests electronically. Permanently permits filing officers of all government agencies to accept the electronic filing of statements of economic interests by all public officials required to file those statements under the act, in accordance with regulations that may be adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

STATUS 1/4/12

In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

AB 1252
DAVIS
4/4/11

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLEGE DISTRICT: ELECTIONS

Provides for the establishment of a separate procedure for the election of the trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District. Specifies that a candidate for election must reside in, and be registered to vote in, the trustee area he or she seeks to represent. Provides that the size of the board, nomination of candidates, and term length would be determined, as specified. Requires the governing board of each trustee area to set the boundaries of each trustee area before March 1, 2012, to reflect the population enumerated in the federal 2010 decennial census. If the governing board fails to timely set the boundaries, then the county committee on school district organization shall do so before April 30, 2012. Imposes a state-mandated local program, and makes legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Los Angeles Community College District.

STATUS 4/4/11

In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 1365
NIELSEN
2/18/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION: INFORMATION SHARING

Requires a state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of State, to share with the Secretary of State information the agency is required to generate that will assist the Secretary of State in maintaining accurate lists of registered voters.

STATUS 3/21/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

***AB 1413
FONG
1/5/12**

ELECTIONS: VOTER NOMINATED PRIMARY ELECTION

Revises existing provisions to reflect the “voter-nominated primary election” process. Prescribes the procedures applicable in the case of a tie in the primary election for voter-nominated offices. Requires that a statement of write-in candidacy for a voter-nominated office also include a certification of the candidate’s complete voter registration and party affiliation or preference history for the preceding 10 years, or for as long as he or she has been eligible to vote in the state if less than 10 years. Requires the name of a candidate who dies but is otherwise entitled to appear on the general election ballot to appear on the ballot, and that the votes cast for the deceased candidate be counted in determining the results of the election for that office.

STATUS 1/10/12

From Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Com on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 1436
FEUER
1/4/12**

VOTER REGISTRATION

Establishes conditional voter registration, using an affidavit of registration, whereby a person would be permitted to register to vote after the 15th day prior to an election or on election day, and cast a provisional ballot to be counted if the conditional voter registration is deemed effective. Provides that a conditional voter registration shall be deemed effective only if the county elections official is able to determine before or during the canvass period for the election that the registrant is eligible to register to vote and that the registrant has provided a form of identification deemed acceptable under the Help America Vote Act, as specified. Requires the county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at its permanent offices, and would permit the official to offer this registration and voting at satellite offices on election day, in accordance with specified procedures. Requires the county elections official to cancel, as specified, duplicate voter registrations that may arise due to conditional voter registration.

STATUS 1/4/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1509
HAYASHI
1/12/12**

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Requires a city or county clerk who maintains an Internet Web site to post a notification on that Web site that identifies the elected officers who file statements of economic interests with that city or county clerk. Requires the notification to include a statement that includes a copy of a statement of economic interests. Requires that the notification include a link to the commission's Web site and a statement that certain statements of economic interests may be available in an electronic form.

STATUS 1/12/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**ACA 9
GATTO
12/9/10**

INITIATIVE MEASURES: SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENT

Requires that an initiative measure that would increase the vote requirement for any action by the electors or the Legislature, or imposes an extraordinary vote requirement for the amendment of an initiative statute by the Legislature, without approval by the electors by a vote greater than a majority in each house, may itself be approved by the electors only if the measure receives no less than the same percentage of affirmative votes from the electors as the percentage of the vote that would be required for the Legislature to amend the measure's statutory provisions without the electors' approval.

STATUS 4/14/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**ACA 10
GATTO
12/9/10**

INITIATIVES

Authorizes the Legislature to amend or repeal in initiative statute, effective 4 years or more after the date the initiative statute is approved by the voters, unless the statute allows that action by the Legislature at an earlier date. Requires that an amendment or repeal of an initiative by the Legislature be passed by a percentage of the membership of each house that exceeds the percentage of voters that approved the initiative statute that approved the most recent amendment of the initiative statute.

STATUS 4/11/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**ACA 11
GATTO
5/23/11**

INITIATIVES: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: VOTER APPROVAL

Provides that electors may amend the Constitution by an initiative measure approved by a minimum of 55 percent of the votes cast, or as specified. Permits the electors to repeal a previously adopted initiative or legislative amendment to the Constitution, including subsequent amendments, by an initiative measure passed by a majority vote.

STATUS 5/27/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr: Held in committee.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**SB 83
Com. on
Budget &
Fiscal Review
Com.
3/14/11**

SPECIAL ELECTION

Provides for a statewide special election to be held on June 7, 2011, requiring the Secretary of State to place before the voters at that election a legislative constitutional amendment, as specified, relating to local government finance. Requires certain statutory deadlines are waived in relation to the placement of that measure before the voters at the June 7, 2011, statewide special election. Provides that funds necessary to pay the claims of local agencies arising from their costs incurred to conduct the June 7, 2011, statewide special election shall be included in the Budget Act of 2011 or in another statute. Becomes effective immediately.

STATUS

2/14/11 Passed Senate. 3/14/11 In Assembly. Read second time & amended. Re-referred to Com. on Budget.

CACEO POSITION

No position

**SB 106
BLAKESLEE
4/25/11**

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Provides that all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2009, and before April 10, 2011, in the preparation for, and conduct of, elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy of Congressional members, shall be paid by the state. Specifies that the elections official, in providing the materials required by this division, need not utilize the services of the county or city purchasing agent. (Urgency)

STATUS 5/26/11

In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in committee.

CACEO POSITION

Support

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

SB 109
GAINES
3/14/11

ELECTIONS: SPECIAL: VOTE BY MAIL

Authorizes a small county with a population of 400,000 or less, as determined by the annual county total population estimates by the Demographic Research Unit of the Department of Finance, to conduct a special election to fill a vacancy in a legislative body or governing body, or any special election called by the Governor, wholly by all-mail ballot, subject to specified conditions. (Urgency)

STATUS 5/3/11

In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION

Support

SB 113
LIU
1/19/11

STATE MANDATES: REIMBURSEMENT

Amends existing law requiring the Commission on State Mandates to adopt parameters and guidelines for reimbursement of claims by local agencies and school districts for state mandates pursuant to statute. Requires that any amendment of the parameters and guidelines language that does not increase or decrease the reimbursable costs shall limit the eligible filing period commencing with the fiscal year in which the amended parameters and guidelines were adopted.

STATUS 2/10/11

To Senate Com. on Gov. & Finance

CACEO POSITION

Watch

SB 141
PRICE
3/17/11

ELECTIONS: PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Provides that all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or Assembly Member, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Representative in the Congress, shall be paid by the state. Provides that the state shall pay only those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor when consolidated with a local election.

STATUS 5/26/11

In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in committee.

CACEO POSITION

Support

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

SB 165
LA MALFA
2/3/11

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING

Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that provides that specified persons may observe and challenge the manner in which vote by mail ballots are handled and processed by county elections officials and that vote by mail voter observers be permitted sufficiently close access to observe vote by mail ballot return envelopes and the signatures thereon.

STATUS 2/17/11

To Senate Com. on RULES.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

SB 304
KEHOE
2/14/11

ELECTIONS: ALL-MAILED BALLOT ELECTIONS: SAN DIEGO

Authorize elections in San Diego County, to be conducted wholly by mail, as a pilot program until January 1, 2016, if specified conditions are satisfied. Provides, if the county conducts an all-mailed ballot election on or before December 31, 2016, the county would be required to report to the Legislature and to the Secretary of State regarding the success of the election. Remains in effect until January 1, 2017.

STATUS 2/24/11

To Senate Com on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

Support

SB 348
CORREA
2/15/11

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Provides that any vote by mail ballot is timely cast if it is postmarked on or before election day and received by the voter's election official no later than six days after election day.

STATUS 5/26/11

In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in committee.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (letter of concern)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**SB 528
WALTERS
3/22/11**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM: BOARD OF
ADMINISTRATION**

Provides for the appointment of 6 board members of the Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration by the Governor based on their demonstrated expertise in the financial and actuarial fields. Requires a special election called and consolidated with a statewide election in 2011 to ratify a change, amendment, or modification enacted by the Legislature.

STATUS 3/22/11

In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on Public Employment & Retirement.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**SB 641
CALDERON
5/31/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION

Establishes conditional voter registration, using an affidavit of registration, whereby a person would be permitted to register to vote after the 15th day prior to an election or on election day, and cast a provisional ballot to be counted if the conditional voter registration is deemed effective, as specified. Requires the county elections official to cancel, as specified, duplicate voter registrations that may arise due to conditional voter registration. Increases the fine for a felony to \$25,000 for conviction of a crime pertaining to an election for which no fine is prescribed, that a court may impose, in addition to any prescribed imprisonment. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS

6/1/11 Passed Senate. 8/25/11 In Assembly Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose

**SB 782
DUTTON
2/18/11**

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Makes a nonsubstantive change to the provision of existing law that specifies the date for a presidential primary.

STATUS 3/10/11

To Senate Com. on RULES

CACEO POSITION

Watch

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**SB 802
RUNNER
2/18/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTING

Requires that the identification envelope for returning a vote by mail ballot include the last four digits of the voter's driver's license or identification card number or, if the voter has neither, the last four digits of the voter's social security number and a security flap to conceal the voter's information during mailing. Requires the elections official to verify the accuracy of that information before counting the vote. Requires that a vote by mail ballot of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed outside of the United States be cast by election day and received by elections officials not later than 21 days after election day. Authorizes a person without proof of identity to vote a provisional ballot, under specified conditions. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to waive the fee for an identification card requested for satisfying the voter identification requirement. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 3/10/11

To Senate Com. on E. & C. A. & Transportation & Housing

CACEO POSITION

Watch (letter of concern)

**SB 908
RUNNER
5/10/11**

ELECTIONS: BALLOTS: SUBMISSION BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Permits a special absentee voter who is temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia, or is called for military services within the United States on or after the final date to make application for a vote by absent voter ballot, to return his or her ballot by electronic mail, as prescribed. Requires the ballot to be accompanied by a copy of an identification envelope and an oath of voter declaration in substantially the form described with respect to facsimile transmission of ballots. Requires the elections official to determine the voter's eligibility to vote by comparing the signature on the scanned copy of the identification envelope with the signature on the voter's affidavit of registration. Impose a state-mandated local program.

STATUS

5/31/11 Passed Senate. 7/5/11 In Assembly Com. on E. & R:
Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION

Support

BILL NO./ AUTHOR	SUMMARY
Assembly Bills	23
Senate Bills	13
Total	36

*DENOTES ADDITION/CHANGE
BSI Summary 1/13/12