

**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 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 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 1200
MA
2/28/12**

ELECTIONS: CENTRAL COMMITTEES

Prescribes the procedures relating to county central committees for the Democratic, Republican, and American Independent parties to include the taking a subscribing to an oath or affirmation by members, the procedures for the election of committee members in specified counties within the state, and the meetings of county central committees of the American Independent Party. Provides that, for the June 5, 2012, statewide primary election for the Democratic Party, in the County of Sacramento, and for the Democratic and Republican Party, in the City and County of San Francisco, signers of nomination papers for candidates for county central committee shall be limited to voters who disclosed a preference for the respective parties and who are residents of the respective counties. Require the committee to meet at its county seat, upon call, which shall be given by the chairperson of the county central committee or the immediate predecessor of the chairperson. (Urgency)

STATUS 3/8/12

Chapter 8, 2012 Statues.

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

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

AB 1413
FONG
2/10/12

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 2/10/12

Chapter 3, 2012 Statutes.

CACEO POSITION

Support

*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 3/27/12

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***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 3/27/12

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 1626
YAMADA
2/9/12**

ELECTION MATERIALS: PUBLIC EXAMINATION: WRIT OF MANDATE

Permits any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, during that 10 calendar day public examination period, to seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring the amendment or deletion of an injunction of any or all election materials. Authorizes the elections official to seek the writ of mandate or injunction in the context of a district or school district election.

STATUS 2/23/12

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1716
GARRICK
2/16/12**

ELECTIONS: VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Requires that the vote by mail identification envelope include the last 4 digits of the voter's California driver's license number or California identification card number or, if the voter does not possess either of those types of identification, the last 4 digits of the voter's social security number. Requires that the voter's signature and numeric identifying information be verified as being consistent with the voter's state or federal records.

STATUS 3/27/12

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 1724
FONG
2/16/12**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL VOTING

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law providing that an application for a vote by mail ballot shall be made by a voter to an elections official having jurisdiction over the election between the 29th and 7th days prior to the election.

STATUS 2/16/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1805
HUFFMAN
2/21/12**

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS

Amends existing law that regulates the voting procedures for special absentee voters, replacing the term "special absentee voter" with the term "military or overseas voter." Prescribes the voting procedures for citizens of the United States living outside of the territorial limits of the United States in federal elections to military or overseas voters in all elections. Requires voting materials to be electronically transmitted to a military or overseas voter.

STATUS 3/27/12

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1814
ENG
2/21/12**

VOTING RIGHTS: LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Revises the language assistance recruitment provisions to apply to precincts in which the precinct board is required to post translated facsimile ballots. Requires a county 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. Requires a county elections official to evaluate complaints filed against precinct board members.

STATUS 3/27/12

Scheduled to heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R,

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

*AB 1851
ALLEN
2/22/12

COUNTY INITIATIVE PETITIONS

Requires a county elections official to retain at his or her office certain materials a proponent is required to file and to furnish a copy of those materials to any person upon request, during the period an initiative petition is circulated for signatures.

STATUS 3/27/12

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 1929
COOK
2/22/12

ELECTIONS: CASTING BALLOTS

Provides that casting a ballot for purposes of the definition of a voting system does not include the physical or electronic marking of a ballot, and is limited to the act of a voter submitting his or her marked ballot for tabulation at a polling place, through the mail, or, for special absentee voters, by facsimile transmission.

STATUS 3/8/12

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 1962
ALLEN
2/23/12

DISTRICT ELECTIONS: PETITIONS

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing provisions that permit any proposed ordinance to be submitted to the governing board of the district by an initiative petition filed with the district elections official. Requires that signatures be obtained in a certain manner and affidavits be attached to each petition section in a specified form and manner.

STATUS 2/23/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 1979
HERNANDEZ
2/23/12

DISTRICT-BASED LOCAL ELECTIONS

States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to district-based local elections.

STATUS 2/23/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

*DENOTES ADDITION/CHANGE
BSI Summary 3/16/12

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 2062
DAVIS
2/23/12**

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: ELECTRONIC FILING

Authorizes all agencies to permit the electronic filing of a statement of economic interests. Authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to conduct discretionary audits of an agency's electronic filing system. Authorizes a city or county that developed an electronic filing system pursuant to a pilot program to continue to use that system. (Urgency)

STATUS 3/8/12

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 2080
GORDON
2/23/12**

RECALL ELECTIONS: STATE OFFICERS: SIGNATURE VERIFICATION

Provides for recall elections that if 500 or more signatures are submitted to the elections official, the elections official may verify, using a random sampling technique, either 3 percent of the signatures submitted or 500 signatures, whichever is greater.

STATUS 3/27/12

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 2191
NORBY
2/23/12**

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES

Requires elected officers, candidates for elective office and committees to prepare and file various campaign finance reports. Revises the definition of elective office to exclude membership on a county central committee of a qualified political party. Prohibits a local government agency from imposing filing requirements on elected members of, or candidates for election to, a county central committee of a qualified political party.

STATUS 3/8/12

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

*AB 2220
GATTO
2/24/12

ELECTIONS: STATEWIDE BALLOT PAMPHLET

Requires, if a fiscal analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst determines that a measure would provide an increase in revenues to fund new or existing programs, the specified language be added at the end of the yes and no summary statement in the ballot pamphlet advising that, unless changed by a future measure approved by the voters, the initiative would forever dedicate the revenue it generates to programs identified in the initiative by its backers.

STATUS 3/27/12

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 2294
FLETCHER
2/24/12

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which authorizes a person who is a registered voter or who is qualified to register to vote in this state to circulate and initiative or referendum petition anywhere within the state.

STATUS 2/24/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 2299
FEUER
2/24/12

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS

Authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to establish a program that requires the names of public safety officials to be redacted from any property record of principal residence that is disclosed to the public by that county. Prescribes the requirements that would apply to the sale of aggregate data.

STATUS 2/24/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 2410
FUENTES
2/24/12**

LEGALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE: FELONY CONVICTION

Provides that a person is not a legally qualified candidate for, and may not assume, any elective public office in this state if the person has been convicted in this state of a felony, or has been convicted under the laws of any other state, the United States, or any foreign government or country of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a felony, and has not been pardoned by the Governor of this state, the governor or other officer authorized to grant pardons in another state, the President of the United States, or the officer of the foreign government or country authorized to grant pardons in that foreign jurisdiction.

STATUS 3/15/12

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 2452
AMMIANO
2/24/12**

ONLINE DISCLOSURE

Authorizes a local government agency to require an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file specified statements, reports, or other documents to file those statements, reports, or other documents online or electronically with a local filing officer. Prescribes criteria that must be satisfied by a local government agency that requires online or electronic filing of statements, reports, or other documents, as specified, including, among others, that the system be available free of charge to filers and to the public for viewing filings, and that the system include a procedure for filers to comply with the requirement that they sign statements and reports under penalty of perjury.

STATUS 3/15/12

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 2479
DONNELLY
2/24/12**

VOTER REGISTRATION: PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

Requires a person registering to vote to prove citizenship by presenting a birth certificate, passport, naturalization documents or proof established pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, or Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number.

STATUS 2/24/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**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 4/14/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**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

**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

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

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 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

SB 1083
LA MALFA
2/14/12

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.

STATUS 3/1/12

To Senate Com. on Rules.

CACEO POSITION

Support

*SB 1188
Com. on
E. & C. A.
2/22/12

**RECLAMATION DISTRICTS AND COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS:
ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Makes corrections to erroneous cross references within existing law that authorize reclamation districts and county waterworks districts to conduct elections by all-mailed ballots according to establishes mailed ballot election dates.

STATUS 3/1/12

In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

Support

SB 1272
KEHOE
2/23/12

POLITICAL PARTY ORGANIZATION: COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Deletes a requirement that county central committee members be elected at every statewide direct primary election. Permits those members to be elected at every presidential primary election. Provides that a county central committee of any of the specified political parties may select its members at any time by holding a caucus or convention or by using any other method of selection approved by the committee.

STATUS 3/8/12

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

SB 1275
LIEU
2/23/12

VACANCIES IN OFFICE: SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Requires that a special general election to fill a vacancy in the office of a Representative in Congress or either house of Legislature, occur at least a specified number of days after the issuance of an election proclamation. Revises the deadlines relating to the filing of nomination papers for a candidate in a special primary election.

STATUS 3/8/12

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

*SB 1296
FULLER
2/23/12

ELECTIONS: BALLOT TITLES

Requires the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Attorney General, to prepare the ballot title and summary for all measures submitted to the voters of the state and would require the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, to prepare any fiscal estimate or opinion required by a proposed initiative measure. Revises deadlines applicable to the preparation of a title and summary and a fiscal estimate or opinion. Becomes operative upon the approval by the voters of SCA 19 of the 2011-12 Regular Session.

STATUS 3/8/12

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SB 1346
NEGRETE
MC LEOD
2/24/12

ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES: BALLOT CONTAINERS

Allows the county elections official for a county of greater than 5,000 square miles to direct that ballot containers be sealed prior to the closing of the polls, as specified, and directs a ballot security team to remove from a polling place and the presence of any bystanders prior to the closing of the polls a sealed ballot container of voted untallied ballots.

STATUS 3/8/12

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SCA 19
FULLER
2/23/12**

ELECTIONS: INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA

Requires that an initiative or referendum petition be submitted to the Legislative Analyst instead of the Attorney General, and would transfer from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst the duty of preparing the title and summary for a proposed initiative or referendum. Requires the Legislative Analyst to prepare the official ballot label, and the official ballot title and summary for the ballot pamphlet.

STATUS 2/23/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

Assembly Bills	33
Senate Bills	10
Total	43