



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

**SUMMARY
February 13, 2015**

<u>AB 44</u> Elections: Statewide Recounts	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	12/01/2014
STATUS:	01/22/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to order an automatic manual recount of all votes cast for statewide office, the office of the President of the U.S., or a state ballot measure if the difference in the number of votes received is less than or equal to 0.1 percent.

<u>AB 182</u> California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	01/26/2015
STATUS:	02/02/2015 To Assembly Committees on E. & R. and Judiciary.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Provides parallel provisions that prohibit the use of a district-based election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election. Requires a court to implement specified remedies upon a finding that such an election was imposed or applied in a manner that impaired the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice.

**<u>AB 245</u> California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Lackey
INTRODUCED:	02/09/2015
STATUS:	02/09/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to provisions of law defining several terms for purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

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****[AB 254](#)**
Election Dates

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

****[AB 277](#)**
California Voting Rights Act of 2001

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

[SB 129](#)
Online Voter Registration

AUTHOR:	Anderson
INTRODUCED:	01/21/2015
STATUS:	02/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that is operative when the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 or executes a declaration stating that certain conditions have occurred.

[SB 163](#)
Elections: Vote by Mail Ballot

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

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SB 169

Elections: Polling Places

AUTHOR:	Gaines
INTRODUCED:	02/05/2015
STATUS:	02/05/2015 Introduced.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that prohibits a place where the primary purpose of the establishment is the sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages from being used as a polling place.

SCA 2

Elections: Initiative: Referendum: Recall

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

ASSEMBLY BILLS	5
SENATE BILLS	4
TOTAL	9

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