



**BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2016-2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**SUMMARY
February 26, 2016**

<u>AB 278</u> Municipal Elections	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
AMENDED	02/18/2016
STATUS:	02/18/2016 In Senate. Re-referred to committee on E & C.A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Deletes the requirement that the ordinance describes the boundaries, and number, of each legislative district and would instead require the legislative body, or the proponents of the initiative measure, to prepare a proposed map describing the boundaries and numbers of the legislative districts after the ordinance is passed or enacted, as specified. Requires a legislative body changing from a from district method of election to a by district method of election, or adjusting the district boundaries, to hold public hearings on the change, as specified. Makes numerous technical nonsubstantive changes to these provisions. Requires the districts to comply with the applicable provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. Extends existing law that authorizes the legislative body of a city, as specified, to adopt an ordinance that requires the members of the legislative body to be elected by district or by district with an elective mayor without submitting the ordinance for voter approval, regardless of its population.

<u>AB 350</u> California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
AMENDED	01/04/2016
STATUS:	02/04/2016 To Senate Committees on E. & C. A. and Judiciary.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Amends existing law which prohibits the use of an at-large election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates or otherwise influence the outcome of an election, and which provides that certain voters may bring certain actions in superior court. Prohibits the use of a certain district-based election if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice. Requires a court to implement specified remedies in certain cases.

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<u>AB 609</u> Members of the Legislature: Residency	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
AMENDED:	07/13/2015
STATUS:	08/27/2015 In Senate Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee.
CACEO POSITION:	No position
SUMMARY:	Permits a candidate for Member of the Legislature to file a statement with the Secretary of State in which the candidate voluntarily agrees that, if elected, he or she will continue to reside within the district from which he or she was elected during his or her term of office. Authorizes the Secretary of State to post on his or her Internet Web site voluntary statements of continuing residency filed with the secretary, as described.

<u>AB 884</u> Initiative Petitions: Title and Summary	
AUTHOR:	Rendon
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED	05/05/2015
STATUS:	06/04/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Attorney General to include a specified title and summary if it is believed the measure would result in a constitutional right violation. Specifies that the statement does not count toward the 100-word limit and authorizes any elector to seek a writ of mandate challenging the inclusion of the statement.

<u>AB 1494</u> Voting: Marked Ballots: Distributing and Digital Images	
AUTHOR:	Levine
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED	01/14/2016
STATUS:	02/04/2016 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a voter to take a photograph or digital image of his or her marked ballot and distribute or share that photograph or image using social media or by any other means, unless the voter does so for certain prohibited purposes. Exempts these acts from the criminal and civil penalties in existing law. Repeals a duplicate provision. Exempts from a crime in existing law a person examining or soliciting a voter to show a photograph or digital image of his or her marked ballot using certain means.

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<u>*AB 1707</u> Public Records: Response to Request	
AUTHOR:	Linder
INTRODUCED:	01/25/2016
STATUS:	02/25/2016 To Assembly Committee on Judiciary.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires that a response to a written request for public records that includes a denial of the request to be in writing regardless of whether the request was in writing. Requires that written response additionally to include a list that contains the title or other identification of each record requested but withheld due to an exemption and the specific exemption that applies to that record.

<u>*AB 1921</u> Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2016
STATUS:	02/25/2016 To Assembly Committee on E.& R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes any person to return the vote by mail ballot and specifically authorizes a paid or volunteer worker of a general purpose committee, controlled committee, or any other group or organization at whose behest the designee is performing a service to return an individual's vote by mail ballot. Prohibits a person designated to return a vote by mail ballot from receiving any form of compensation, as defined, based on the number of ballots that the person has returned and prohibits an individual, group, or organization from providing compensation on this basis.

<u>*AB 1970</u> Elections: Vote by Mail and Provisional Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Low
INTRODUCED:	02/16/2016
STATUS:	02/25/2016 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to promulgate regulations establishing guidelines for county elections officials relating to the processing of vote by mail and provisional ballots.

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AB 2010 Sample Ballots and Voter Pamphlets	
AUTHOR:	Ridley-Thomas
INTRODUCED:	02/16/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes the governing body of a local agency to permit a candidate for nonpartisan elective office in the local agency to prepare a written statement for electronic distribution. Requires the statement to be posted on the Internet Web site of the elections official, permit the statement to be included in a voter's pamphlet that is electronically distributed, and prohibit the statement from being included in a voter's pamphlet that is printed and mailed to voters. Requires the elections official to provide a Spanish translation to those candidates who wish to have one. Requires the notice in the heading of the first page of the voter's pamphlet, in certain circumstances, to specify that additional statements are available on the Internet Web site of the elections official.

AB 2045 Initiative Petitions	
AUTHOR:	Harper
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires each section of a petition to be filed with the elections official of the county or city in which the petition was circulated and requires elected officials to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and transmit that information to the Secretary of State.

AB 2065 Voter Registration: New Motor Voter Program	
AUTHOR:	Harper
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to electronically provide records of a person to the Secretary of State pursuant to the New Motor Voter Program only if the person has submitted proof that he or she is a citizen of the United States. Requires that a person affirmatively agree to become registered to vote during a transaction with the department in order for his or her records to constitute a completed affidavit of registration.

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<u>AB 2067</u> Voter Registration: New Motor Voter Program	
AUTHOR:	Harper
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to electronically provide records of a person to the Secretary of State only if the person has submitted proof that he or she is a citizen of the United States.

<u>AB 2071</u> Vote by Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Harper
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation related to the processing and receipt of vote by mail ballots.

<u>AB 2089</u> Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Quirk
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires a vote by mail ballot to be available to any registered voter, and existing provisions that requires a printed application that is to be distributed to a voter for requesting a vote by mail voter's ballot to inform the voter that the application must be received by the elections official no later than a specified number of days before the date of the election, and requires the printed application to contain spaces for the input of specified information.

<u>AB 2113</u> Counties: Officers: Qualifications for Office	
AUTHOR:	Bigelow
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Provides that a person is not eligible to hold an elected county or district office unless he or she is a registered voter of the county or district in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the appointment to an elective office.

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AB 2152 Elections: Ballots: Ballot Order	
AUTHOR:	Gray
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes for the November, 2016 statewide general election only, a county board of supervisors to direct the county elections official to place a local measure related to a local transportation tax above State measures.

**AB 2220 Elections in Cities: By or From District	
AUTHOR:	Cooper
INTRODUCED:	02/18/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Amends existing law which authorizes the legislative body of a city with a certain population to adopt an ordinance that requires the members of the body to be elected by district or by district with an elective mayor without being required to submit the ordinance to the voters for approval.

AB 2252 Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Ting
INTRODUCED:	02/18/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Deletes the verification of addresses on the vote by mail ballot return envelopes from the established procedures that are subject to observer challenge.

**AB 2265 County Ballot Measures: Impartial Analysis	
AUTHOR:	Stone
INTRODUCED:	02/18/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Amends existing law which requires the county counsel or district attorney of a county in which an election on a county measure is to be held to prepare an analysis of the measure. Authorizes the county counsel to prepare a summary of impartial analysis in a specified format.

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<u>AB 2284</u> Special Elections to Fill Vacancies	
AUTHOR:	Patterson
INTRODUCED:	02/18/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Prohibits a State Senator or Member of the Assembly who decides to resign from office before the expiration of his or her term from subsequently using campaign funds held in trust for any purpose other than paying outstanding campaign debts or reasonable expenses. Amends the list of specified purposes allowable for the use of surplus campaign funds to include the payment of expenses to hold a special election to fill the vacancy created by the Member's resignation. Requires the former Member to pay from his or her surplus campaign funds such election-related expenses, to the extent he or she has funds available to do so. Provides that once election-related expenses are paid, the use of excess surplus funds to charitable purposes would be limited. Provides that a member who, after deciding to resign, uses campaign funds for purposes other than those authorized in that circumstance shall be personally liable for expenses to hold the special election.

<u>AB 2389</u> Special Districts: District-Based Elections	
AUTHOR:	Ridley-Thomas
INTRODUCED:	02/18/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a governing body of a special district, as defined, to require, by resolution, that the election of the members of its governing body be elected using district-based elections without being required to submit the resolution to the voters for approval.

<u>**AB 2433</u> Voter Registration Database	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to enter into agreements to share information or data with other states or groups of states in order to improve the accuracy of the statewide voter registration database. Requires the secretary to ensure that any confidential information or data provided by another state remains confidential.

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**AB 2466 Voting: Felons	
AUTHOR:	Weber
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Defines, for purposes of determining who is entitled to register to vote, imprisoned as currently serving a state or federal prison sentence. Defines paroles as a term of supervision by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Clarifies that conviction does not include a juvenile adjudication. Provides for required information to be provided in a program to encourage the registration of electors. Requires the furnishing of the names of incarcerated individuals.

**AB 2517 Voting Age: School District Governing Board	
AUTHOR:	Thurmond
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a city or city and county to propose an amendment to its charter that would allow a person who is at least 16 years of age at the time of the next election to vote in a school district governing board election.

**AB 2686 Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Elections	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a special election to fill a vacancy in a state office, the Legislature, or Congress to be conducted wholly by mail if, among other requirements, the legislative body or the governing body of the eligible entity, by resolution, authorizes the all-mailed ballot election and notifies the Secretary of State of its intent to conduct an all-mailed ballot election.

**AB 2824 Elections: Precinct Reports	
AUTHOR:	Thurmond
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed

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AB 2824 (Continued): SUMMARY:	Relates to election precinct reports. Requires a county with technical capacity to do so to post the information contained in the statement of the result, as well as other available election data, on its Internet Web site beginning on election night and continuing daily until the election results are certified.
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**AB 2827 Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Levine
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that a person may only be registered to vote as provided by state law or pursuant to a state court order.

ACA 2 Elections: Voting Age	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	06/03/2015 In Assembly. To Inactive File.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a United States citizen who is 17 years of age, is a resident of the state, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next general election to vote in any intervening primary or special election that occurs before the next general election.

ACA 7 Voting Age: School and Community College District Governing Board Elections	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a person who is at least 16 years of age and a resident of the state to vote in a school or community college district governing board election in which that person would be qualified to vote based on residence.

SB 49 Elections: Special Elections	
AUTHOR:	Runner
INTRODUCED:	12/19/2014
AMENDED:	06/23/2015
STATUS:	08/24/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.

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SB 49 (Continued): CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes the Governor to declare a candidate for a legislative office elected if only one candidate for the legislative office qualifies to have his or her name printed on the special primary election ballot, and cancels the special primary election and special general election if the Governor declares such a candidate elected. Requires the Governor to rescind the proclamation calling for the special election if a special primary election or a special general election is canceled because a candidate has been declared elected, as specified. Clarifies that a candidate is declared elected by the Secretary of State.

<u>SB 450</u> Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Elections	
AUTHOR:	Allen and Hertzberg
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	07/07/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a county to conduct any election as an all-mailed ballot election if certain conditions are satisfied, including conditions related to ballot dropoff locations and vote centers. Requires a county that conducts such an election to report certain information to the Legislature and the Secretary of State regarding all-mailed ballot elections. Requires the Secretary to report certain information regarding the success of such elections to the Legislature and a task force to review such elections.

<u>SB 920</u> Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations	
AUTHOR:	Anderson
INTRODUCED:	01/27/2016
STATUS:	02/04/2016 To Senate Committee on Rules.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law authorizing 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.

<u>SB 928</u> Homeless Individuals: Voter Registration, Identifiers	
AUTHOR:	Liu
INTRODUCED:	02/01/2016
STATUS:	02/18/2016 To Senate Committees on Transportation and Housing and E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed

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SB 928 (Continued): SUMMARY:	Requires a homeless shelter that registers a person to vote to keep a record of the person it has registered to vote, including certain information about the person, and to transmit that information to certain government entities at least once per year. Authorizes an applicant who is a homeless individual to list the shelter, public space, cross street, or post office where he or she is living as his or her address on a driver's license or identification card.
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*SB 958 County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission	
AUTHOR:	Lara
INTRODUCED:	02/08/2016
STATUS:	02/22/2016 Re-referred to Senate Committees on E. & C.A. and Governance and Finance.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Establishes the Citizens Redistricting Commission in the County of Los Angeles, which would be charged with adjusting the boundary lines of the districts of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles. Provides that the commission would consist of 14 members who meet specified qualifications. Requires the commission to adjust the boundaries of the supervisorial districts in accordance with specified criteria and adopt a redistricting plan, which would become effective 30 days following its submission to the county elections official. Makes legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the unique circumstances facing the County of Los Angeles.

SB 967 Special Elections	
AUTHOR:	Vidak
INTRODUCED:	02/08/2016
STATUS:	02/18/2016 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the state to pay expenses authorized and necessarily incurred 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.

*SB 1094 Initiatives: Petition Circulators	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	02/25/2016 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires a person who solicits signatures for a proposed initiative measure and does not receive money or other valuable consideration for the specific

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SB 1094 (Continued): SUMMARY:	purpose of soliciting signatures of electors to make additional declarations. Extends the time a local election official is required to determine the total number of signatures affixed to a petition, and the time the official is required to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition after receiving notice from the Secretary of State.
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*SB 1108 Elections: State and Local Reapportionment	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2016
STATUS:	02/25/2016 To Senate Committee on E. & C.A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a county or city to establish a commission, composed of residents of the county or city, to either change the boundaries of supervisorial districts or recommend to the governing body changes to the boundaries. Requires a commission to report to the governing body its findings on the need for changes, as specified.

**SB 1288 Elections: Local Voting Methods	
AUTHOR:	Leno
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2016
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Relates to local voting methods. Extends provisions to the nomination of officers for any district not formed for municipal purposes, officers for general law cities, and school district officers. Provides for ranked voting.

SCA 8 Counties: Board of Supervisors: Redistricting	
AUTHOR:	Mendoza
INTRODUCED:	05/11/2015
AMENDED:	09/04/2015
STATUS:	09/11/2015 In Senate. To Inactive File.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to require the county charter, in a county with a specified population at a decennial United States census beginning with the 2020 United States census, to provide for a governing body consisting of a specified amount of members. Requires in such a county, the county charter to provide the expenditures for the governing body and its staff may not exceed a specified formula. Extends these requirements to a general law county with the same population factors.

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HR 411**Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2015**

AUTHOR:	Cohen
INTRODUCED:	01/20/2015
STATUS:	01/20/2015 To House Committee on House Administration
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote early voting in elections for federal office and to prevent unreasonable waiting times for voters at polling places used in such elections.

ASSEMBLY BILLS	29
SENATE BILLS	10
FEDERAL BILLS	1
TOTAL	40

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