



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

**SUMMARY
April 17, 2015**

*AB 44 Elections: Statewide Recounts	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	12/01/2014
AMENDED:	04/08/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass as amended to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	No position
SUMMARY:	Provides procedures governing aspects of statewide election recounts to include the storing of sealed ballots, regulations regarding the charges for conducting a manual recount, a voter's request for a recount and the method of the recount, a state-funded manual recount of votes for a statewide officer and the Office of the President and a statewide ballot measure, and the approval of voting system prior to any election by the Secretary of State.

*AB 182 California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	01/26/2015
AMENDED:	04/09/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
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. 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.

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*AB 245 Elections: Penal Provisions	
AUTHOR:	Lackey
INTRODUCED:	02/09/2015
AMENDED:	03/12/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Increases the maximum fine for violation of existing law that prohibits the hiring of or arranging for a person in possession of a firearm, uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel to be stationed or posted at a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate elections official, as described.

*AB 254 Election Dates	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/09/2015
AMENDED:	04/07/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: To Suspense File.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Eliminates the established election dates in March and April, commencing January 1, 2020. Eliminates the exceptions for elections held in a chartered city or chartered county and school district elections consolidated with chartered city elections, thereby requiring these elections to be held on an established election date, except for certain special elections. Declares that increasing voter turnout at local elections and promoting the fundamental right to vote are matters of statewide concern.

AB 277 California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
AMENDED:	04/07/2015
STATUS:	04/08/2015 In Assembly. Read second time. To third reading.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
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.

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**AB 278 District-Based Municipal Elections	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
AMENDED:	04/13/2015
STATUS:	04/22/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on Local Government.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the legislative body of a general law city with a population of 100,000 or more to adopt an ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by district. Requires that the boundary lines of each district be adjusted in accordance with specified provisions of existing law, except as otherwise provided. Requires the legislative body to hold public hearings before and after drawing a draft map of the proposed boundaries of the districts of the legislative body, as specified. Requires the legislative body to take certain actions to encourage public participation in the drawing of the proposed boundaries and would require that the proposed boundaries satisfy specified criteria.

*AB 363 Closing of the Polls	
AUTHOR:	Steinorth
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a county elections official to account for ballots at the central counting place, to direct the precinct board to seal the ballots and to record certain information prior to the closing of the polls and to direct other elections officials to remove the sealed ballots prior to the closing of the polls and to deliver them to a receiving center or central counting place.

*AB 372 Elections: Write-In Candidates	
AUTHOR:	Bigelow
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass as amended.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires write-in candidates for a voter-nominated office who advance to the general election to pay the prescribed filing fee in order to appear on the general election ballot.

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***AB 391**

Voter Registration: Conditional Registration

AUTHOR:	Gallagher
INTRODUCED:	02/18/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires that a registrant provide proof of residence in order for a conditional voter registration to be deemed effective. Provides that if a conditional voter registration is not deemed effective, requires the elections official to process the affidavit of registration, and if all other eligibility requirements are met, requires the registration to be effective in forthcoming elections.

***AB 400**

Department of Transportation: Changeable Message Signs

AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2015
AMENDED:	03/26/2015
STATUS:	04/16/2015 In Assembly. Read second time. To third reading.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Department of Transportation, by June 30, 2016, to update its internal policies to allow displays of safety, transportation-related and voting-relating messages on changeable message signs.

***AB 477**

Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots

AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
AMENDED:	04/08/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Prohibits the elections official from rejecting a vote by mail ballot, if an elections official determines that a voter has failed to sign the identification envelope, if the voter completes and submits a vote by mail ballot affidavit before 5 p.m. on the day before the election. Requires the elections official, to compare the voter's signature on the affidavit, and if the signatures compare to attach the affidavit to the identification envelope and deposit the ballot, still in the identification envelope, in a ballot container in his or her office. Requires that the identification envelope to not be opened and the ballot to not be counted if the elections official determines that the signatures do not compare. Requires the Secretary of State to include the vote by mail ballot affidavit and instructions on completing the affidavit, and certain contact information for all elections officials, on his or her Internet Web site. Requires an elections official to include the vote by mail ballot

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AB 477 (continued):	affidavit and instructions, and certain contact information, on his or her Internet Web site.
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<u>AB 479</u> Elections: County Central Committees	
AUTHOR:	Harper
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that authorizes a county central committee to be elected in each county at every presidential primary election.

<u>*AB 547</u> Elections: Special Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Elections	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
AMENDED:	03/19/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee o E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Repeals the condition that the congressional or legislative district lie wholly within San Diego County, for an all-mailed ballot special election until January 1, 2020. Requires certain voter education workshops to be conducted in-person. Authorizes all cities, regardless of population size, counties, and cities and counties, to also conduct an all-mailed ballot special election to fill a vacancy on the legislative or governing body of those entities under the same conditions. Authorizes all-mailed ballot special elections to be held for county initiatives, city initiatives, and district initiatives conducted pursuant to specified provisions. Makes all of these types of special elections subject to the same conditions that apply to the San Diego County pilot program, as specified, except that the entity conducting the special election would not be required to report certain information to the Legislature and the Secretary of State regarding the success of the election.

<u>*AB 554</u> Elections: Precinct Board Members	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Authorizes an elections official to appoint a pupil who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States, as defined in federal law, to serve as a precinct board member.

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*AB 562 Elections: Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Holden
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to be listed on the ballot under the heading, STATE. Removes other instructions relating to the placement of this office on the ballot.

**AB 630 Public Officers and Employees: Oath of Office	
AUTHOR:	Linder
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
AMENDED:	03/26/2015
STATUS:	03/26/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Local Government.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Make nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law requiring each county to have a board of supervisors consisting of a specified number of members and requires that no more than a specified number of members maybe elected at the same general election.

*AB 646 Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	McCarty
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
AMENDED:	03/26/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Provides that an affidavit of registration from a voter who resides or claims residence in another county that is received by a county elections official and forwarded to the elections official for the county in which the voter resides is effective for all elections occurring 15 or more days after receipt of the affidavit of registration by the elections official to which the affidavit was mailed or delivered by the voter.

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<u>*AB 683</u> Online Ballot Materials: Accessibility	
AUTHOR:	Low
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	03/24/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the Visually Impaired Voter Assistance Board to make additional recommendations to the Secretary of State for improving the accessibility of election materials made available over the Internet, as specified. Requires the elections materials made available over the Internet to conform to certain standards and guidelines, as specified.

<u>*AB 786</u> National Voter Registration Act of 1993	
AUTHOR:	Levine
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Transportation.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Prohibits a county from canceling the prior registration of a voter upon notification by the Department of Motor Vehicles that the voter had moved to a different county, except at the voter's request, until the voter is registered to vote in the county to which he or she has moved.

<u>*AB 800</u> Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Gomez
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	03/23/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the elections official to deliver to each qualified applicant a return envelope with postage prepaid in which a vote by mail voter may return his or her 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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***[AB 809](#)**

Local Initiative Measures: Ballot Printing Specifications

AUTHOR:	Obermolte
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED	03/26/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 In Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Reconsideration granted.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires that if an ordinance proposes to impose a tax or raise the rate of a tax to be levied, the ballot include in the statement of the ordinance the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied.

***[AB 884](#)**

Initiative Petitions: Public Records

AUTHOR:	Rendon
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED	04/06/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Creates an exception that an exemption of the State Public Records Act for petitions for statewide initiatives that the Attorney General has determined would likely result in a violation of an individual's constitutional rights, thereby making those petitions subject to inspection by the public. Requires certain actions by the Attorney General in the preparation of a circulating title and summary. Repeals certain provisions regarding prohibiting the knowing use of the list of signatures on an initiative.

***[AB 887](#)**

Electronic Ballot Transmission

AUTHOR:	Ting
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED	03/26/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes an elections official to send a voter a ballot by secure electronic transmission for an election conducted wholly within the county. Requires a voter who receives a ballot in this manner to print the ballot for return to the elections official.

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**AB 952 Local Government: Vacancies	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	04/08/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 From Assembly Committee on Local Government: Do pass as amended to Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Provides updated procedures for the filling of a vacancy in an elective office by a city council for a vacancy that occurs in the first half or the second half of the term of office.

*AB 971 Payment of Expenses	
AUTHOR:	Chang
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires expenses authorized and necessarily incurred to prepare for and conduct certain vacancy elections to be paid by the state.

*AB 1020 Elections: Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Ridley-Thomas
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires, if a voter reregisters or transfers his or her registration from one precinct to another, that the former address be maintained with the voter record and the registration be updated.

AB 1026 Secretary of State: Elections: Voter Turnout	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	03/19/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to meet with local registrars of voters, community groups, and other persons as determined by the Secretary of State to develop strategies for improving California's voter turnout. Requires the Secretary of State to present findings to specified committees

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AB 1026 (continued):	of the Legislature no later than July 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on January 1, 2017.
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*AB 1143 Elections: Voter Registration Agencies	
AUTHOR:	Hadley
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Franchise Tax Board to send a voter registration card to a taxpayer whose annual income tax return indicates a change of address from the prior year.

AB 1263 Election Day Procedures: Privileges of Voters	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY: AB 1263 (continued):	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law that allows a voter, without loss of pay, to take off enough working time that, when added to the voting time available outside of working hours, will enable the voter to vote if he or she does not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote at a statewide election, and provides that no more than two hours of the time taken off for voting shall be without loss of pay.

*AB 1271 Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Grove
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Provides that a vote by mail ballot is timely cast if it is received by the voters' elections official via the United States Postal Service no later than 3 days after election day and the ballot is postmarked on or before election day.

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AB 1273 Election: Fraud	
AUTHOR:	Linder
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law which makes it a crime for a person to commit or aid in fraud regarding the casting of a ballot in an election.

*AB 1296 Elections: Initiative and Referendum Measures	
AUTHOR:	Jones
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	04/06/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires an elections official to immediately place an initiative measure on the election ballot for which it qualifies if the official finds the petition to be sufficient, and if more than one election date is legally possible, the official would be required to place the measure on the ballot for the earliest legally possible date. Provides that this procedure would apply to municipal, county, and district initiative measures, including city and city and county charter proposals, and to municipal referendum measures.

*AB 1301 Voting Rights Preclearance	
AUTHOR:	Jones-Sawyer
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Establishes a state preclearance system whereby 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, and 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 except, as specified.

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<u>AB 1408</u> Notaries Public: Fees	
AUTHOR:	Hadley
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	03/26/2015
STATUS:	03/26/2015 To Assembly Committee on Judiciary
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Deletes the maximum fee limitations that a notary public may charge for specified services, and prohibits a notary public from charging a fee to notarize signatures on vote by mail ballot identification envelopes or other voting materials or applications by United States military veterans for specified veteran benefits.

<u>AB 1414</u> Voter Registration: Requirements	
AUTHOR:	Grove
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing laws that set forth procedures for registering to vote and processing voter registration information and requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations that prescribe the form of the voter's affidavit of registration.

<u>*AB 1443</u> Voters: Language Accessibility	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	03/26/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to establish a Language Accessibility Advisory Committee that will consist of the Secretary of State, his or her designees, and additional members appointed by the Secretary of State who either have demonstrated language accessibility experience or are county elections officials. Requires the Secretary of State to consult with and consider the recommendations of the committee.

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<u>AB 1457</u> Petition Circulator: Certification	
AUTHOR:	Obermolte
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law that requires a petition circulator, prior to soliciting signatures on an initiative petition, to execute and submit to the person, company official, or other organizational officer who is in charge of signature gathering a signed statement

<u>AB 1458</u> Voters: Residency Confirmation	
AUTHOR:	Obermolte
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law requiring a county elections official to conduct a preelection residency confirmation procedure and authorizes a county elections official to contract with a consumer credit reporting agency or its licensees to obtain use of change-of-address data in lieu of mailing a residency confirmation postcard pursuant to the preelection residency confirmation procedure.

<u>*AB 1461</u> Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	04/06/2015
STATUS:	04/27/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on Transportation.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State and the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish the New Motor Voter Program. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to electronically provide to the Secretary of State the records of each person issued an original or renewal driver's license. Requires the Secretary of State to provide those records to the appropriate county elections official and to notify the person that he or she will be registered to vote unless he or she declines.

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AB 1477 Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Burke
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	No action
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires that the vote by mail ballot be available to any registered voter and requires an application for a vote by mail voter's ballot to be made in writing to the elections official having jurisdiction over the election.

**AB 1492 Elections: In-Lieu-Filing Fee and Parties: Penal Law	
AUTHOR:	Low
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	04/15/2015
STATUS:	04/15/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Insurance
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Defines political party qualification petition. Provides that a person committing specified acts in relation to the circulation, subscription, or signature of a political party qualifying petition would be subject to specified penal provisions. Provides that a person committing specified acts in relation to the submission of an in-lieu-filing-fee petition would be subject to specified penal provisions.

**AB 1504 Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Election: Pilot Project	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	03/26/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Authorizes Monterey County to conduct all-mailed ballot election pursuant to provisions of existing law. Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes.

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<p>*AB 1535 Elections: Petitions</p>	
AUTHOR:	Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee
INTRODUCED:	03/25/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires a voter, who has signed an initiative, referendum, or recall petition and files a written request with the appropriate county elections official to remove his or her name from the petition prior to the day the petition is filed, to include the voter's name, residence address, and signature.

<p>*AB 1536 Elections</p>	
AUTHOR:	Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee
INTRODUCED:	03/25/2015
STATUS:	05/12/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes nonsubstantive, technical updates to the provisions referencing federal law to reflect a recent reclassification of federal law. Makes additional nonsubstantive, technical changes to these provisions.

<p>*ACA 2 Elections: Voting Age</p>	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	04/29/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on E. & R.
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.

<p>*SB 49 Elections: Special Elections</p>	
AUTHOR:	Runner
INTRODUCED:	12/19/2014
AMENDED:	04/08/2015
STATUS:	04/16/2015 Re-referred to Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to declare a candidate for a legislative office elected and would cancel the special primary election and special general election if only one candidate for the legislative office qualifies to

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SB 49 (continued):	have his or her name printed on the special primary election ballot and no person has qualified to be a write-in candidate at the special primary election. 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. Provides that a candidate is declared elected by the Secretary of State.
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<u>SB 129</u> Online Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Anderson
INTRODUCED:	01/21/2015
STATUS:	02/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
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.

<u>SB 163</u> Elections: Vote by Mail Ballot	
AUTHOR:	Hertzberg
INTRODUCED:	02/04/2015
STATUS:	04/21/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
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.

<u>SB 169</u> Elections: Polling Places	
AUTHOR:	Gaines
INTRODUCED:	02/05/2015
STATUS:	02/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
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.

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<u>*SB 365</u> Vote By Mail Ballot Drop Boxes	
AUTHOR:	Pavley
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	04/07/2015 From Senate Committee on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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. Requires the Secretary of State to promulgate regulations establishing best practices for security measures and procedures that a county elections official may use if the county elections official establishes one or more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations and vote by mail ballot drop boxes.

<u>*SB 366</u> Ballot Materials: Translations	
AUTHOR:	Nguyen
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	04/16/2015 In Senate. Read third time. Passed Senate. To Assembly.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Expands the group of acceptable translators for purposes of those provisions to include persons on the Judicial council's Master List, persons qualified by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and persons from certain accredited institution by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education, and members of certain professional organizations.

<u>**SB 415</u> Voter Participation	
AUTHOR:	Hueso
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	04/15/2015
STATUS:	04/21/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Provides that commencing January 1, 2018, a political subdivision is prohibited from holding an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-current date has previously resulted in a lower voter turnout. Requires a court to implement appropriate remedies upon a violation. Permits a voter who resides in a violating subdivision to enforce this prohibition. Allows a prevailing plaintiff to collect a reasonable attorney's fee and litigation expenses.

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**SB 417 Elections: Election Day Procedures	
AUTHOR:	Stone
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	04/16/2015 In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes the precinct board of a county with a geographic area of at least 2,500 square miles to remove the ballot container or containers from the polling place while the polls remain open only to facilitate the early delivery of ballots to the receiving centers or central counting places. Prohibits a local agency exercising this authorization from seeking state reimbursement for associated costs. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations for the secure delivery and transfer of the ballots to the receiving center or central counting place.

SB 437 California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Block
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	03/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that ensures that elections held in the state comply with the requirements of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 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 of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election.

**SB 439 Election Procedures: Conditional Voter Registration: Ballot on Demand System	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	04/15/2015
STATUS:	04/21/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Allows a county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at satellite offices other than on election day. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulation governing ballot on demand systems, and to require a biennial inspection of the certified manufacturing, finishing, and storage facilities, and to approve each such system before the system is deployed for use in election within the State. Prohibits the purchase or use of such system without certification.

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<u>SB 450</u> Elections: Sample Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
STATUS:	04/21/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the application for a vote by mail ballot that is included with the sample ballot to include a space for the voter to apply for permanent vote by mail status.

<u>SB 493</u> Elections In Cities: By or From Districts	
AUTHOR:	Cannella
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
STATUS:	03/12/2015 To Senate Committee on Governance and Finance.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes the legislative body of a general law city to amend an ordinance providing for the election of members of the legislative body from district to provide for the election of members of the legislative body by district without submitting the amendment to the registered voters for approval. Prohibits the amendment of the ordinance from changing whether the general law city has an elective mayor.

<u>*SB 505</u> Voter Bill of Rights	
AUTHOR:	Mendoza
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	04/09/2015
STATUS:	04/21/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to study and recommend revisions to the design and text of the vote by mail ballot envelope and to submit those recommendations to the Legislature.

<u>SB 589</u> Voter Registration: Disabled Persons With Conservatees	
AUTHOR:	Block
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	04/06/2015
STATUS:	04/21/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Authorizes an individual with a disability who is otherwise qualified to vote

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SB 589 (continued):	to complete an affidavit of registration with reasonable accommodations as needed. Provides a person who has a conservator to be disqualified to vote upon the providing of evidence therefor. Provides the procedures and requirements which govern a disabled person who is subject to conservatorship, and that person's communicative ability and right to vote.
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<u>SB 611</u> Initiative and Referendum Petitions: Circulation	
AUTHOR:	Lara
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	03/12/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that authorizes a person who is a registered voter or who is qualified to register to vote in this state to circulate an initiative or referendum petition anywhere within the state.

<u>SB 784</u> Provisional Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
STATUS:	03/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
SUMMARY:	Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that provides that a voter is entitled to cast a provisional ballot if his or her qualification or entitlement to vote cannot be immediately established.

<u>HR 411</u> Help America Vote Act	
AUTHOR:	Cohen
INTRODUCED:	01/20/2015
STATUS:	01/20/2015 To House Committee on House Administration
CACEO POSITION:	To be discussed
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.

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SENATE BILLS	16
FEDERAL BILLS	1
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