



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

**SUMMARY
May 29, 2015**

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| *AB 44 Elections: Statewide Recounts | |
| AUTHOR: | Mullin |
| INTRODUCED: | 12/01/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 04/27/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Do pass. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| 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. |

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| AB 182 California Voting Rights Act of 2001 | |
| AUTHOR: | Alejo |
| INTRODUCED: | 01/26/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/29/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/21/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A. |
| 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: | 03/12/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on E. & R. |

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| AB 245 (continued) 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. |

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| * AB 254 Election Dates | |
| AUTHOR: | Hernandez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/09/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/07/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Do pass as amended. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Letter of Concern |
| 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. |

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| AB 277 California Voting Rights Act of 2001 | |
| AUTHOR: | Hernandez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/11/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/07/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/14/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A |
| 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: | 05/28/2015 From Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Do pass as amended. |
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| AB 278 (continued) 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. |
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| *AB 363 Closing of the Polls | |
| AUTHOR: | Steinorth |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/17/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/19/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 In Assembly. Read second time. To Consent Calendar. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| 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. Requires the county elections official, at least 48 hours before an election, to notify the public of the dates, times, and places to which ballot containers will be delivered. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations addressing the secure delivery and transfer of ballots to a receiving center or central counting place. |

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| AB 370 Election Campaigns: Candidate Misrepresentation | |
| AUTHOR: | Brown (D) |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/17/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/07/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Specifies that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if he or she assumes, pretends, or implies by his or her campaign materials that he or she is the incumbent of a public office, or has been acting in the capacity of a public officer, when that is not the case. |

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| <u>AB 372</u> Elections: Write-In Candidates | |
| AUTHOR: | Bigelow |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/17/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/23/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/06/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Not heard. |
| 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. Permits a candidate who alleges to be indigent and unable to pay the requisite fee to submit a statement of financial worth to the Secretary of State for consideration, and requires the Secretary of State to furnish the statement of financial worth to a candidate within a prescribed period and to determine whether a candidate who has submitted the statement is in fact indigent. Requires a candidate found not to be indigent to pay the filing fee within a prescribed time. Specifies that a candidate found to be indigent is not required to pay the fee to appear on the ballot. |

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| <u>AB 391</u> Voter Registration: Conditional Registration | |
| AUTHOR: | Gallagher |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/18/2015 |
| STATUS: | 04/29/2015 Failed to pass 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. |

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| <u>AB 400</u> Department of Transportation: Changeable Message Signs | |
| AUTHOR: | Alejo |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/19/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 03/26/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/07/2015 To Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| 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. |

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| *AB 477 Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Mullin |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/23/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/08/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| 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 affidavit and instructions, and certain contact information, on his or her Internet Web site. |

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| AB 479 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. |

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| AB 547 Elections: Special Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Elections | |
| AUTHOR: | Gonzalez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/23/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/18/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Authorizes San Diego County, or any city, school district, community college district, special district, or other district or political subdivision whose boundaries are located wholly or in part within San Diego County, to conduct an all-mailed ballot special election or special consolidated election to fill a vacancy on the legislative or governing body of those entities, until |

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| AB 547 Summary (continued): | January 1, 2021. Authorizes those entities to also hold an all-mailed ballot special election for county initiatives, city initiatives, district initiatives, bond issues, and school measures conducted pursuant to specified provisions. Extends the pilot program for San Diego County, as described above, until January 1, 2021. Requires certain voter education workshops to be conducted in-person. |
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| <u>AB 554</u> Elections: Precinct Board Members | |
| AUTHOR: | Mullin |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/23/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| 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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| <u>AB 562</u> Elections: Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Holden |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/24/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/06/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Letter of Concern |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to be listed on the ballot under the heading, STATEWIDE EDUCATION, and it would move the location of this office on the ballot, thus changing the order of precedence. Removes other instructions relating to the placement of this office on the ballot. |

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| <u>AB 609</u> Members of the Legislature: Residency | |
| AUTHOR: | Garcia |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/24/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/22/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| 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. Requires the Secretary of State to designate in the State ballot pamphlet those candidates who have voluntarily agreed to this continuing residency requirement. |

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| <u>*AB 630</u> Public Officers and Employees: Oath of Office | |
| AUTHOR: | Linder |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/24/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/27/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 To Senate Committee on Governance and Finance. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Authorizes a county board of supervisors to require a new other or affirmation to be filed within a specified time period of a legal change in name, delegated authority, or department by an officer or department head of that county. Provides the procedure for taking away powers upon an officer's departure from office. Provides the oath requirement for a disaster worker and an appointed county deputy with a legal name change. |

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| <u>AB 646</u> Voter Registration | |
| AUTHOR: | McCarty |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/24/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 03/26/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/21/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| 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: | 05/13/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/26/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Renames the board as the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee. Requires the committee to advise the Secretary of State on improving the accessibility of elections, including election materials, for all voters with disabilities, and revises the composition of the committee, as specified. Requires the Secretary of State to consult with the committee and consider the committee's recommendations, which the Secretary of State could implement at his or her discretion. Requires the committee 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 |

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| AB 683 Summary (continued): | to conform to certain standards and guidelines, as specified. Requires the committee to make recommendations for providing voters with disabilities the same access and participation as is provided to other voters who are not disabled, including the ability to vote privately and independently. |
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| *AB 786 National Voter Registration Act of 1993 | |
| AUTHOR: | Levine |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/25/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/21/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Do pass. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Department of Motor vehicles, until July 1, 2016, upon receiving from a registered voter a request to inform the Secretary of State that the voter has moved to a different county, to notify the county elections official in both the county from which the voter has moved, and the county to which the voter has moved, of the change of address. |

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| *AB 800 Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Gomez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 03/23/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| 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: | Obenolte |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 03/26/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| 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. |

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| <u>AB 884</u> Initiative Petitions: Title and Summary | |
| AUTHOR: | Rendon |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| AMENDED | 05/05/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/26/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| 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. |

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| <u>AB 887</u> Electronic Ballot Transmission | |
| AUTHOR: | Ting |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| AMENDED | 03/26/2015 |
| STATUS: | 03/26/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on E. & R. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Letter of Concern |
| 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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| <u>AB 952</u> Local Government: Vacancies | |
| AUTHOR: | Garcia |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| AMENDED | 04/20/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No Position |
| SUMMARY: | Provides that if the council fills a vacancy in an elective office by appointment, and that vacancy occurred in the first half of the term of office and at least 130 days prior to the next general municipal election, the person appointed to fill the vacancy holds office until the next general municipal election at which a person is elected to fill that vacancy, and thereafter, until the person elected is qualified. Provides that if the vacancy occurs in the first half of a term of office, but less than 130 days prior to the next general municipal election, or if the vacancy occurs in the second half of the term of office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy holds office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent. |

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| *AB 971 Payment of Expenses | |
| AUTHOR: | Chang |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Requires expenses authorized and necessarily incurred to prepare for and conduct certain vacancy elections to be paid by the state. |

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| AB 1020 Elections: Voter Registration | |
| AUTHOR: | Ridley-Thomas |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| 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. |

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| 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 of the Legislature no later than July 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on January 1, 2017. |

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| AB 1100 Ballot Initiatives: Filing Fees | |
| AUTHOR: | Low |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 03/24/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/26/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| CACEO POSITION: | No positions |
| SUMMARY: | Increases the filing fee from \$200 to \$8,000 to be paid by the proponents when a proposed ballot initiative or referendum is submitted to the Attorney General for preparation of a circulating title and summary. Makes |

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| AB 1100 Summary (continued): | nonsubstantive changes to this provision. |
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| *AB 1143 Elections: Voter Registration Agencies | |
| AUTHOR: | Hadley |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/05/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Held in committee. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Franchise Tax Board to notify an individual taxpayer whose annual income tax return indicates a change of address from the prior year that he or she may register to vote or update his or her voter registration information through an online voter registration system. |

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| AB 1263 Election Day Procedures: Privileges of Voters | |
| AUTHOR: | Mullin |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| STATUS: | No action |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | 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. |

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| AB 1271 Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Grove |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/06/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/13/2015 Failed to pass Assembly Committee on E. & R. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Oppose |
| 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. Provides that a vote by mail ballot cast by a military or overseas voter is timely cast if it is received by the voter's elections official no later than 3 days after election day and the ballot is postmarked by a certified foreign postal service on or before election day. |

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| AB 1273 Election: Fraud | |
| AUTHOR: | Linder |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| STATUS: | No action |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| 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. |

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| AB 1296 Elections: Initiative and Referendum Measures | |
| AUTHOR: | Jones |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/06/2015 |
| STATUS: | 04/29/2015 Failed to pass 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. |

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| *AB 1301 Voting Rights Preclearance | |
| AUTHOR: | Jones-Sawyer and Alejo |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/12/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Do pass. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Oppose |
| SUMMARY: | Establishes a state preclearance system whereby if a covered 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 covered 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 covered 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: | 05/12/2015 Failed to pass 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. |

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| <u>AB 1414</u> Voter Registration: Requirements | |
| AUTHOR: | Grove |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| STATUS: | No action |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| 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. |

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| <u>AB 1443</u> Voters: Language Accessibility | |
| AUTHOR: | Garcia |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 03/26/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| 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: | Watch |
| 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. |

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| <u>AB 1458</u> Voters: Residency Confirmation | |
| AUTHOR: | Obermolte |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| STATUS: | No action |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| 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. |

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| <u>*AB 1461</u> Voter Registration | |
| AUTHOR: | Gonzalez |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/05/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Do pass. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Requires the Secretary of State and the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish the California New Motor Voter Program for the purpose of increasing opportunities for voter registration by any person who is qualified to be a voter. Specifies that after 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, the Department of Motor Vehicle is required to electronically provide to the Secretary of State the records of each person who is issued an original or renewal of a driver's License or state identification card if the proof that the applicant is required to submit to prove that his or her presence in the United States is authorized under federal law also establishes that the applicant is a citizen of the United States, and requires the Secretary of State to provide those records to the county elections official of the county in which the person may be registered to vote and to notify the person that he or she will be |

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| AB 1461 Summary (continued): | registered to vote unless he or she declines to be registered within 21 days after the date that the Secretary of State issues the notice. Provides that if a person does not decline to be registered to vote within that time period the person's motor vehicle records shall constitute a completed affidavit of registration and the person shall be registered to vote. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations to implement this program. |
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| <u>AB 1477</u> Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Burke |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| STATUS: | No action |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| 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. |

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| <u>AB 1492</u> Elections: In-Lieu-Filing-Fee and Political Party Qualification Petitions: Penal Provisions | |
| AUTHOR: | Low |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/30/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| 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. Makes nonsubstantive changes to these provisions. |

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| <u>AB 1504</u> Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Election: Pilot Project | |
| AUTHOR: | Alejo |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/14/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/18/2015 In Assembly. Read second time. To third reading. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Extends, until January 1, 2020, existing law, as a pilot program that authorizes elections in San Mateo County and Yolo County, other than statewide primary or general elections, or special elections to fill a vacancy in a state office, the Legislature, or Congress, to be conducted wholly by mail if specified conditions are satisfied. Authorizes Monterey and |

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| AB 1504 Summary (continued): | Sacramento Counties to conduct all-mailed ballot elections pursuant to these provisions. Makes technical nonsubstantive changes. |
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| <u>AB 1535</u> Elections: Petitions | |
| AUTHOR: | Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee |
| INTRODUCED: | 03/25/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| 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. |

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| <u>AB 1536</u> Elections | |
| AUTHOR: | Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee |
| INTRODUCED: | 03/25/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Assembly. To Senate. |
| 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. |

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| <u>*ACA 2</u> Elections: Voting Age | |
| AUTHOR: | Mullin |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/24/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Be adopted. |
| 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. |

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| <u>SB 49</u> Elections: Special Elections | |
| AUTHOR: | Runner |
| INTRODUCED: | 12/19/2014 |
| AMENDED: | 05/20/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/20/2015 In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on E. & C. A. |

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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. Specifies that a candidate is declared elected by the Governor. |

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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. |

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| <u>*SB 163</u> Elections: Vote by Mail Ballot | |
| AUTHOR: | Hertzberg |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/04/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Senate Committee on Appropriations: Do pass as amended. |
| 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. |

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| <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-Off Locations | |
| AUTHOR: | Pavley |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/24/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 05/04/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Senate Committee on Appropriations: Do pass. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| 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, on or before January 1, 2017, to promulgate regulations establishing guidelines based on 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. |

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| <u>SB 366</u> Ballot Materials: Translations | |
| AUTHOR: | Nguyen |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/24/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/14/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R. |
| 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. |

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| <u>SB 415</u> Voter Participation | |
| AUTHOR: | Hueso |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/25/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/28/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R. |
| 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 |
| AMENDED: | 04/16/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 From Senate Committee on Appropriations: Do pass. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support if amended |
| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| *SB 439 Election Procedures: Conditional Voter Registration: Ballot on Demand System | |
| AUTHOR: | Allen |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/25/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/15/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R. |
| 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: | 05/28/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R. |
| 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. |

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| <u>*SB 493</u> Elections In Cities: By or From Districts | |
| AUTHOR: | Cannella |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/20/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R and Local Government. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| SUMMARY: | Authorizes the legislative body of a city to adopt an ordinance that requires the members of the legislative body from district, as defined, to provide for the election of members of the legislative body by district, as defined, to be elected by district or by district with an elective mayor without being required to submit the ordinance to the voters for approval. |

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| <u>*SB 505</u> Voter Bill of Rights | |
| AUTHOR: | Mendoza |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/09/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/28/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| 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. |

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| <u>SB 589</u> Voter Registration: Disabled Persons With Conservatees | |
| AUTHOR: | Block |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/26/2015 |
| AMENDED: | 04/06/2015 |
| STATUS: | 05/22/2015 Passed Senate. To Assembly. |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support |
| SUMMARY: | Authorizes an individual with a disability who is otherwise qualified to vote |

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| SB 589 Summary (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. |

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| <u>SB 784</u> Provisional Ballots | |
| AUTHOR: | Allen |
| INTRODUCED: | 02/27/2015 |
| STATUS: | 03/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch |
| 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. |

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| <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: | 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. |

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