



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

**SUMMARY
July 02, 2015**

*AB 44 Elections: Statewide Recounts	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	12/01/2014
AMENDED:	06/24/2015
STATUS:	06/30/2015 From Senate Committee on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
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, and approval of a change to a noncompliant voting system.

AB 182 California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	01/26/2015
AMENDED:	06/22/2015
STATUS:	06/22/2015 In Senate. Read second time and amended. To third reading.
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.

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

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AB 245 (continued):	
Status:	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	06/01/2015
STATUS:	06/30/2015 From Senate Committee on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Eliminates the established election dates in March and April, commencing January 1, 2020.

AB 277 California Voting Rights Act of 2001	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
AMENDED:	04/07/2015
STATUS:	06/17/2015 In Senate. 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.

AB 278 District-Based Municipal Elections	
AUTHOR:	Hernandez
INTRODUCED:	02/11/2015
AMENDED	06/01/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
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

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AB 278 (continued): Summary:	be adjusted in accordance with specified provisions of existing law. Requires 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:	06/30/2015 From Senate Committee on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
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.

*AB 370 Election Campaigns: Candidate Misrepresentation	
AUTHOR:	Brown
INTRODUCED:	02/17/2015
STATUS:	07/02/2015 To enrollment.
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.

AB 372 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

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AB 372 (continued): Summary:	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:	06/04/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R. without further action.
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.

<u>AB 400</u> Department of Transportation: Changeable Message Signs	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/19/2015
AMENDED:	06/17/2015
STATUS:	07/06/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations.
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-related messages on changeable message signs, as defined, subject to approval by the United States Department of Transportation, as provided.

<u>**AB 477</u> Elections: Ballots and the Green Party	
AUTHOR:	Mullin
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
AMENDED:	04/08/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Strikes a specified requirement by an elections official in comparing the signatures on a vote by mail identification envelope. Provides the conditions under which a ballot may be counted if the envelope is not signed. Requires such conditions and other related information to be on the Secretary of State's Internet Web site. Requires specified materials and information to be posted on the elections official's Internet Web site. Establishes the procedures by which the Green Party would participate in the presidential

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AB 477 (continued): Summary:	primary. Authorizes the Green Party to establish, by election, county councils. Establishes a state coordinating committee for the Green Party. Requires the elections official to also compare the residence address provided by the voter on the provisional ballot envelope with the most current residence address on file. If the addresses do not match, the elections official is required to review the provisional voter's registration record to attempt to verify the voter's registration and current residence address. Requires the elections official to duplicate and move the ballot to the precinct of the new address on the provisional ballot envelope and count only the races the voter is entitled to vote on, if the voter provides an in-county residence address different from the residence address in the official record. Requires a ballot to be counted if the voter provides a post office box or business address on the provisional ballot envelope and the elections official, at his or her discretion, independently verifies the voter's in-county residence address.
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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.

AB 547 Elections: Special Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Elections	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/23/2015
AMENDED:	05/18/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
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 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:	06/17/2015 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.
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.

<u>AB 562</u> Elections: Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Holden
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
AMENDED:	05/06/2015
STATUS:	06/18/2015 In Senate. From Consent Calendar. To third reading.
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.

<u>AB 609</u> Members of the Legislature: Residency	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
AMENDED:	04/22/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
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.

<u>**AB 630</u> Public Officers and Employees: Oath of Office	
AUTHOR:	Linder
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
AMENDED:	07/01/2015

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AB 630 (continued): STATUS:	07/08/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Governance and Finance.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a county board of supervisors to require a new oath 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. Authorizes the county to maintain a record, subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, of each person so required to file a new oath of office, indicating whether or not the person has complied. Specifies that failure to comply with this requirement for a new oath or affirmation is not punishable as a crime. 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.

AB 646 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.

*AB 683 Online Ballot Materials: Accessibility	
AUTHOR:	Low
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	06/23/2015
STATUS:	06/30/2015 From Senate Committee on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
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, as specified, 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 (continued): Summary:	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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<u>AB 786</u> National Voter Registration Act of 1993	
AUTHOR:	Levine
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	04/21/2015
STATUS:	06/18/2015 Re-referred to Senate Committees on E. & C. A. and Transportation and Housing
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.

<u>AB 800</u> 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.

<u>AB 809</u> Local Initiative Measures: Ballot Printing Specifications	
AUTHOR:	Obernolte
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	03/26/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
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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AB 884 Initiative Petitions: Title and Summary	
AUTHOR:	Rendon
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED	05/05/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in 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.

AB 887 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.

*AB 952 Local Government: Vacancies	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED	04/20/2015
STATUS:	07/02/2015 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.
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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<u>AB 971</u> 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.

<u>**AB 1020</u> Elections: Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Ridley-Thomas
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	07/01/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	<p>Provides that a person is entitled to preregister to vote in an election if, among other things, that person is at least 16 years of age. Deletes existing law that authorizes county elections officials, under specified circumstances and in order to promote and encourage voter registrations, to deputize as registrars qualified citizens to register voters anywhere within the county.</p> <p>Deletes existing law that requires the county elections official to accept affidavits of registration at all times except during the 14 days immediately preceding an election and requires the county elections official to accept an affidavit of registration executed as part of a voter registration card in the forthcoming election if the affidavit is executed on or before the 15th day prior to the election and if a specified circumstance applies. Authorizes the county elections official of any county to receive the affidavit of registration of any elector who resides or claims residence in another county in this state and provides that this method of registration is effective for an election occurring 15 or more days after receipt of the affidavit of registration by the county elections official. Modifies the procedure for the acceptance of affidavits of voter registration, reregistration, or notification of a transfer of registration for an election. Imposes new requirements on county elections officials relating to voters moving into a new county who wish to apply for confidential voter status. Modifies existing provisions to require that the county elections officer provide an electronic copy of the index and of supplements to the index, and require a county elections official to provide detailed notice to the Secretary of State that specified voter information is available. Corrects incorrect cross-references and delete obsolete provisions of law. Authorizes the Secretary of State to cancel a person's registration when the mental incompetency of the person registered is legally established, upon proof that the person is presently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and upon the death of the person registered. Requires the court to notify the Secretary of State in the event a person is disqualified from voting or his or her right to register to vote is restored. Modifies the form and content of the alternate residency</p>

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AB 1020 (continued): Summary:	confirmation postcard and forwardable notice. Specifies that any individual or organization having charge of affidavits of registration who knowingly neglects or refuses to return affidavits of registration is guilty of a misdemeanor. By creating a new crime, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. Becomes operative only if the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.
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<u>AB 1026</u> 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.

<u>*AB 1100</u> Ballot Initiatives: Filing Fees	
AUTHOR:	Low
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	06/19/2015
STATUS:	06/30/2015 In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.
CACEO POSITION:	No positions
SUMMARY:	Increases the filing fee from \$200 to \$2,500 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, and would require the Attorney General to adjust the filing fee in January of every odd-numbered year, as specified. Makes nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

<u>AB 1143</u> 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

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AB 1143 (continued): Summary:	information through an online voter registration system.
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<u>AB 1263</u> 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.

<u>AB 1271</u> Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots	
AUTHOR:	Grove
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	05/06/2015
STATUS:	06/23/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R. without further action.
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.

<u>AB 1273</u> 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:	06/04/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R. without further action.
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 and Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	05/12/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
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.

AB 1408 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.

<u>*AB 1443</u> Voters: Language Accessibility	
AUTHOR:	Garcia
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	06/23/2015
STATUS:	06/30/2015 From Senate Committee on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of State to establish a Language Accessibility Advisory Committee that will consist of at least 15 members and would include the Secretary of State, his or her designees, and additional members appointed by the Secretary of State who either have demonstrated language accessibility experience for languages covered under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 or are county elections officials. Requires the Secretary of State to consult with and consider the recommendations of the committee.

<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.

<u>*AB 1461</u> Voter Registration	
AUTHOR:	Gonzalez
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	06/23/2015
STATUS:	06/30/2015 From Senate Committee on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Committee on Transportation and Housing.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
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 or state identification card. Requires the Secretary 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.

<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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*AB 1504 Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Election: Pilot Project	
AUTHOR:	Alejo
INTRODUCED:	02/27/2015
AMENDED:	06/01/2015
STATUS:	07/02/2015 In Senate. 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 Sacramento Counties to conduct all-mailed ballot elections pursuant to these provisions. Makes technical nonsubstantive changes.

**AB 1535 Elections	
AUTHOR:	Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee
INTRODUCED:	03/25/2015
AMENDED:	06/30/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
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. Modifies the oath of voter declaration form to indicate that the residence address is the last U.S. residence for voter qualification purposes. Permits a district conducting an election by all-mailed ballots to consolidate its election with one or more other political subdivisions that are also conducting their elections wholly by mail, if certain conditions are satisfied. Expands that authorization to special district elections of governing body members in any month of odd-numbered years.

AB 1536 Elections	
AUTHOR:	Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee
INTRODUCED:	03/25/2015
STATUS:	06/18/2015 In Senate. From Consent Calendar. To Inactive File.
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:	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.

<u>SB 49</u> Elections: Special Elections	
AUTHOR:	Runner
INTRODUCED:	12/19/2014
AMENDED:	06/23/2015
STATUS:	07/06/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on Appropriations.
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 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
AMENDED:	06/02/2015
STATUS:	06/11/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Establishes, until January 1, 2019, a vote by mail pilot program in the County of Los Angeles for statewide elections. Requires, as part of the pilot program, that the county elections official issue a vote by mail ballot to each registered voter for a qualifying election. Requires the elections official, among other things, to engage in voter education efforts to increase voter awareness of the pilot program and to report on the voter turnout for qualifying elections to the Secretary of State and the Legislature on or before December 31, 2018.

<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.

<u>*SB 365</u> Vote By Mail Ballot Drop-Off Locations	
AUTHOR:	Pavley
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
AMENDED:	05/04/2015
STATUS:	07/01/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
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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*SB 366 Ballot Materials: Translations	
AUTHOR:	Nguyen
INTRODUCED:	02/24/2015
STATUS:	07/02/2015 In Assembly. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.
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.

*SB 415 Voter Participation	
AUTHOR:	Hueso
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	06/23/2015
STATUS:	07/02/2015 In Assembly. Read second time. To third reading.
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 voter turnout for a regularly-scheduled election in that political subdivision being at least 25 percent less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous 4 statewide general elections, except as specified. Requires a court to implement appropriate remedies upon a violation of this prohibition. Permits a voter who resides in a political subdivision where a violation is alleged to file an action in Superior Court to enforce this prohibition, and allows a prevailing plaintiff other than the state or political subdivision to collect a reasonable attorney's fee and litigation expenses, as provided.

SB 417 Elections: Election Day Procedures	
AUTHOR:	Stone
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	04/16/2015
STATUS:	06/18/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.
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

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SB 417 (continued): Summary:	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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<u>SB 437</u> 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.

<u>SB 439</u> Election Procedures	
AUTHOR:	Allen
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	06/11/2015
STATUS:	06/11/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to 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 and publish electronic poll book standards and regulations governing the certification and use of electronic poll books, as defined. Prohibits the use of an electronic poll book unless it has been certified by the secretary. Requires the secretary 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.

<u>SB 450</u> Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Elections	
AUTHOR:	Allen and Hertzberg
INTRODUCED:	02/25/2015
AMENDED:	06/15/2015
STATUS:	06/15/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on E. & R.
CACEO POSITION:	Watch
SUMMARY:	Authorizes a county, on or after January 1, 2018, to conduct any election as

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SB 450 (continued): Summary:	an all-mailed ballot election if certain conditions are satisfied, including conditions related to ballot dropoff locations and polling centers. Requires a county that conducts an all-mailed ballot election to report certain information to the Legislature and the Secretary of State regarding the success of the first all-mailed ballot election conducted pursuant to these provisions.
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*SB 493 Elections In Cities: By or From Districts	
AUTHOR:	Cannella
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	04/20/2015
STATUS:	07/01/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass as amended to Committee on 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.

*SB 505 Voter Bill of Rights	
AUTHOR:	Mendoza
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	04/09/2015
STATUS:	07/01/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass to Committee on Appropriations.
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.

*SB 589 Voter Registration: Disabled Persons With Conservatees	
AUTHOR:	Block
INTRODUCED:	02/26/2015
AMENDED:	06/18/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on Judiciary.
CACEO POSITION:	Support
SUMMARY:	Authorizes an individual with a disability who is otherwise qualified to vote 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

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SB 589 (continued): Summary:	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:	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.

<u>*SCA 8</u> Charter Counties: Board of Supervisors: Redistricting	
AUTHOR:	Mendoza
INTRODUCED:	05/11/2015
STATUS:	07/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.
CACEO POSITION:	Bring back
SUMMARY:	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to require the county charter, in a county with a specified population, 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.

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

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HR 411 (continued): 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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