



**BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 71
HUBER
6/23/11**

LOBBYISTS: ONLINE DIRECTORY

Requires the online directory maintained by the Secretary of State to also contain information regarding lobbying interests. Requires that periodic reports filed by lobbyist employers and other persons contain the bill numbers of any legislation lobbied during the reporting period. Requires the Secretary of State to display on his or her Internet Web site a list of the lobbying interests containing a specific reference to a bill number reported, accompanied by a list of all lobbyist employer's who reported each of those lobbying interests for the prior calendar quarter.

STATUS 8/15/11

In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 346
ATKINS
6/15/11**

POLLING PLACES: HIGHER EDUCATION CAMPUSES

Requires that state elections conducted by a county or a city and county, the county or city and county elections official shall establish at least one polling place with the county's or city and county's electoral jurisdiction on a higher education campus, except a county elective official of a county or city and county that does not have a higher education campus within its jurisdiction or a population of fewer than 150,000 people. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 7/5/11

In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Not heard.

CACEO POSITION

Letter of Concern (3/4 Am)

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

AB 477
VALADAO
4/5/11

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Requires that vote by mail ballots of special absentee voters, as defined, temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, be postmarked on or before election day and received by their elections officials not later than 10 days after election day. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 8/25/11

In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose (Am. 5/6)

AB 781
PEREZ
8/29/11

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: COUNTIES: UNINCORPORATED AREAS

Provides for, the creation of a community services district in an unincorporated area of a county under certain conditions. Requires a local agency formation commission to, commence related oversight. Specifies the planning and land use requirements regarding a disincorporated city. Becomes operative only if AB 46 of the 2011-12 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted and takes effect.

STATUS 8/29/11

In Senate. From third reading. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION

No position

*AB 867
SWANSON
6/26/12

VOTERS: RESIDENCY CONFIRMATION

Permits a county elections official, in lieu of mailing a residency confirmation postcard, to contract with a consumer credit reporting agency or its licensees to obtain change-of-address data. Requires that, if such contract is undertaken and address change information is received, the official send a forwardable notice to the registered voter for verification or the correct address information. Requires certain action by the official upon a response by the registered voter.

STATUS 7/3/12

Failed to pass Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 906
GALGIANI
8/29/11**

**PROTECTION OF VICTIMS AND MURDER WITNESSES: ADDRESS
CONFIDENTIALITY**

Amends existing provisions that permit any person filing with the county elections official a new affidavit of registration or reregistration to have information relating to his or her residence address, telephone number, and e-mail address appearing on the affidavit, or any list or roster or index prepared therefrom declared confidential upon presentation of certification that the person is a participant in the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking program, to include witnesses who testified in a murder trial or has been subpoenaed to testify in a murder trial as specified. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 8/29/11

In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (3/4 Am)

**AB 1200
MA
2/28/12**

ELECTIONS: CENTRAL COMMITTEES

Prescribes the procedures relating to county central committees for the Democratic, Republican, and American Independent parties to include the taking a subscribing to an oath or affirmation by members, the procedures for the election of committee members in specified counties within the state, and the meetings of county central committees of the American Independent Party. Provides that, for the June 5, 2012, statewide primary election for the Democratic Party, in the County of Sacramento, and for the Democratic and Republican Party, in the City and County of San Francisco, signers of nomination papers for candidates for county central committee shall be limited to voters who disclosed a preference for the respective parties and who are residents of the respective counties. Require the committee to meet at its county seat, upon call, which shall be given by the chairperson of the county central committee or the immediate predecessor of the chairperson. (Urgency)

STATUS 3/8/12

Chapter 8, 2012 Statues.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 1201
FONG
3/31/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION

Requires a county elections official who receives an affidavit of registration from a voter who resides or claims residence in another county to forward the affidavit to the elections official for that county and requires the elections official for the county in which the voter resides to accept the affidavit as the voter's record of registration. Provides that registration by that method is effective for all elections occurring 15 or more days after receipt of the affidavit.

STATUS 6/2/11

To Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

No position

**AB 1413
FONG
2/10/12**

ELECTIONS: VOTER NOMINATED PRIMARY ELECTION

Revises existing provisions to reflect the "voter-nominated primary election" process. Prescribes the procedures applicable in the case of a tie in the primary election for voter-nominated offices. Requires that a statement of write-in candidacy for a voter-nominated office also include a certification of the candidate's complete voter registration and party affiliation or preference history for the preceding 10 years, or for as long as he or she has been eligible to vote in the state if less than 10 years. Requires the name of a candidate who dies but is otherwise entitled to appear on the general election ballot to appear on the ballot, and that the votes cast for the deceased candidate be counted in determining the results of the election for that office.

STATUS 2/10/12

Chapter 3, 2012 Statutes.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 1436
FEUER
6/18/12**

VOTER REGISTRATION

Establishes the conditional voter registration for registrants whose information cannot be verified. Authorizes a unique identification number to be issued. Increases the maximum fine for election-related crimes for which no fine is prescribed. Requires the county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at its permanent offices and to offer same at satellite offices on election day. Requires cancellation of any duplicate registrations that may arise.

STATUS 7/3/12

From Senate Com. on Public Safety: Do pass as amended to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1509
HAYASHI
1/12/12**

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Requires a city or county clerk who maintains an Internet Web site to post a notification on that Web site that identifies the elected officers who file statements of economic interests with that city or county clerk. Requires the notification to include a statement that includes a copy of a statement of economic interests. Requires that the notification include a link to the commission's Web site and a statement that certain statements of economic interests may be available in an electronic form.

STATUS 8/6/12

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 1626
YAMADA
2/9/12**

ELECTION MATERIALS: PUBLIC EXAMINATION: WRIT OF MANDATE

Permits any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, during that 10 calendar day public examination period, to seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring the amendment or deletion of an injunction of any or all election materials. Authorizes the elections official to seek the writ of mandate or injunction in the context of a district or school district election.

STATUS 6/21/12

In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

AB 1716
GARRICK
2/16/12

ELECTIONS: VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Requires that the vote by mail identification envelope include the last 4 digits of the voter's California driver's license number or California identification card number or, if the voter does not possess either of those types of identification, the last 4 digits of the voter's social security number. Requires that the voter's signature and numeric identifying information be verified as being consistent with the voter's state or federal records.

STATUS 5/21/12

Failed to pass Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

*AB 1724
FONG
5/10/12

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL VOTING

Deletes existing provisions permitting a voter to remain for a longer period of time if no other voter would be inconvenienced and would, instead, permit a voter to remain for longer than 10 minutes if the voter informs a precinct board member that the voter requires additional time to mark his or her ballot. Repeals existing provisions that limit a voter to 5 minutes in a voting booth or compartment while marking his or her ballot using a voting machine.

STATUS 7/3/12

From Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Do pass

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

*AB 1805
HUFFMAN
5/25/12

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS

Amends existing law that regulates the voting procedures for special absentee voters, replacing the term "special absentee voter" with the term "military or overseas voter." Prescribes the voting procedures for citizens of the United States living outside of the territorial limits of the United States in federal elections to military or overseas voters in all elections. Requires voting materials to be electronically transmitted to a military or overseas voter. Extends the use of the federal post card application.

STATUS 7/3/12

From Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Do pass as amended to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Support (4/20 Am)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 1814
ENG
5/25/12**

VOTING RIGHTS: LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Revises the language assistance recruitment provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to apply to precincts in which the precinct board is required to post translated facsimile ballots. Requires a county to submit a specified report to the Secretary of State describing the county's plan for compliance with state and federal laws. Requires the Secretary to post these reports on his or her Web site. Require a county elections official to evaluate complaints filed against precinct board members.

STATUS 8/6/12

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1851
ALLEN
4/24/12**

COUNTY INITIATIVE PETITIONS

Requires an elections official to retain at his or her office certain materials a proponent is required to file and to furnish a copy of those materials to any person upon request, during the period an initiative petition is circulated for signatures.

STATUS 8/6/12

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 1929
GORELL
6/28/12**

ELECTIONS: CASTING BALLOTS

Exempts a ballot marking system from the definition of a voting system. Defines a ballot marking system. Requires the Secretary of State to study and adopt regulation governing the use of ballot marking systems. Establishes procedures to govern the approval of ballot marking systems by the Secretary of State. Prohibits the use of a ballot marking system at an election until it has been approved by the Secretary of State as meeting prescribed criteria. (Urgency)

STATUS 8/6/12

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (4/20 Am)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 1979
HERNANDEZ
4/10/12**

CITY OF WEST COVINA: CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT- BASED LOCAL ELECTIONS

Requires that a district-based method of election be imposed for the election of members of the City Council of the City of West Covina, as specified. Makes legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of West Covina.

STATUS 4/10/12

In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 2062
DAVIS
5/25/12**

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: ELECTRONIC FILING

Authorizes all agencies to permit the electronic filing of a statement of economic interests. Authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to conduct discretionary audits of an agency's electronic filing system. Authorizes a city or county that developed an electronic filing system pursuant to a pilot program to continue to use that system. Authorizes the commission to accept electronic copies of states of economic interests. (Urgency)

STATUS 8/6/12

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 2080
GORDON
6/26/12**

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Eliminates the requirement that a vote by mail voter be ill or physically disabled in order to designate a spouse, child, parent, grandmother, grandchild, brother, sister, or a person residing in the same household to return his or her marked ballot.

STATUS 7/3/12

From Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Do pass.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

*AB 2191
NORBY
6/25/12

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES

Requires elected officers, candidates for elective office and committees to prepare and file various campaign finance reports. Exempts an elected member of, or candidate for election to, a county central committee of a qualified political party who receives only a specified amount of contributions. Prohibits a local government from imposing any filing requirements any contribution limitations on that member or candidate.

STATUS 7/3/12

From Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Do pass.

CACEO POSITION

Support (3/23)

*AB 2220
GATTO
2/24/12

ELECTIONS: STATEWIDE BALLOT PAMPHLET

Requires, if a fiscal analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst determines that a measure would provide an increase in revenues to fund new or existing programs, the specified language be added at the end of the yes and no summary statement in the ballot pamphlet advising that, unless changed by a future measure approved by the voters, the initiative would forever dedicate the revenue it generates to programs identified in the initiative by its backers.

STATUS 7/3/12

In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 2294
FLETCHER
2/24/12

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which authorizes a person who is a registered voter or who is qualified to register to vote in this state to circulate and initiative or referendum petition anywhere within the state.

STATUS 2/24/12

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

*AB 2410
FUENTES
6/25/12

ELECTIVE OFFICE: FELONY CONVICTION

Prohibits the consideration of a person as a candidate for, and provide that the person is not eligible to be elected to, any state or local elective office if the person has been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, public money embezzlement, extortion or theft, perjury, or conspiracy. Includes convictions in this and any other state, the United States, or any foreign government or country.

STATUS 7/5/12
To Enrollment.

CACEO POSITION
No position (3/23)

*AB 2452
AMMIANO
5/8/12

ONLINE DISCLOSURE

Authorizes a local government agency to require an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file specified statements, reports, or other documents online or electronically with a local filing officer. Provide exceptions. Prescribes criteria that must be satisfied by a local government agency that requires online or electronic filing that is available free of charge to filers and to the public to view filings, and that the system include signature requirement procedures.

STATUS 7/2/12
To Enrollment.

CACEO POSITION
No position (4/20 Letter of Concern)

AB 2479
DONNELLY
2/24/12

VOTER REGISTRATION: PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

Requires a person registering to vote to prove citizenship by presenting a birth certificate, passport, naturalization documents or proof established pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, or Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number.

STATUS 5/21/12
Failed to pass Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION
To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 2692
Com. on
E. & R.
3/14/12**

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AND PRECINCTS

Repeals existing law requiring local elections officials to divide a jurisdiction into election precincts, that precinct boundaries not cross census tract or enumeration district lines. Deletes a provision of law requiring each precinct to be identified according to the census tract or enumeration district in which it is located. Repeals, effective January 1, 2013, provisions establishing Assembly and congressional districts, and would further repeal, effective January 1, 2015, provisions establishing Senate and State Board of Equalization districts.

STATUS 6/25/12

In Senate. From Consent Calendar. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**ACA 9
GATTO
12/9/10**

INITIATIVE MEASURES: SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENT

Requires that an initiative measure that would increase the vote requirement for any action by the electors or the Legislature, or imposes an extraordinary vote requirement for the amendment of an initiative statute by the Legislature, without approval by the electors by a vote greater than a majority in each house, may itself be approved by the electors only if the measure receives no less than the same percentage of affirmative votes from the electors as the percentage of the vote that would be required for the Legislature to amend the measure's statutory provisions without the electors' approval.

STATUS 4/14/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

*ACA 10
GATTO
4/9/12

INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: QUALIFICATION AND APPROVAL

Requires, in the case of a petition that proposes an amendment to the Constitution, that the petition include signatures from each of 27 of the Senatorial districts in the State equal in number to 8% of the votes for all candidates for Governor cast in that district at the last gubernatorial election. Requires that an amendment to the Constitution proposed by initiative be approved by 55% of the votes thereon, except that only a majority of votes thereon would be required if the sole effect of the measure is to repeal one or more amendments to the Constitution previously approved by the electors.

STATUS 7/3/12

From Assembly Com. on E. & R. To Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

ACA 11
GATTO
5/23/11

INITIATIVES: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: VOTER APPROVAL

Provides that electors may amend the Constitution by an initiative measure approved by a minimum of 55 percent of the votes cast, or as specified. Permits the electors to repeal a previously adopted initiative or legislative amendment to the Constitution, including subsequent amendments, by an initiative measure passed by a majority vote.

STATUS 5/27/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr: Held in committee.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

SB 641
CALDERON
5/31/11

VOTER REGISTRATION

Establishes conditional voter registration, using an affidavit of registration, whereby a person would be permitted to register to vote after the 15th day prior to an election or on election day, and cast a provisional ballot to be counted if the conditional voter registration is deemed effective, as specified. Requires the county elections official to cancel, as specified, duplicate voter registrations that may arise due to conditional voter registration. Increases the fine for a felony to \$25,000 for conviction of a crime pertaining to an election for which no fine is prescribed, that a court may impose, in addition to any prescribed imprisonment. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 8/25/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose

SB 908
RUNNER
5/10/11

ELECTIONS: BALLOTS: SUBMISSION BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Permits a special absentee voter who is temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia, or is called for military services within the United States on or after the final date to make application for a vote by absent voter ballot, to return his or her ballot by electronic mail, as prescribed. Requires the ballot to be accompanied by a copy of an identification envelope and an oath of voter declaration in substantially the form described with respect to facsimile transmission of ballots. Requires the elections official to determine the voter's eligibility to vote by comparing the signature on the scanned copy of the identification envelope with the signature on the voter's affidavit of registration. Impose a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 7/5/11

In Assembly Com. on E. & R: Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**SB 1083
LA MALFA
2/14/12**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING

Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that provides that specified persons may observe and challenge the manner in which vote by mail ballots are handled and processed by county elections officials.

STATUS 3/1/12

To Senate Com. on Rules.

CACEO POSITION

Support-Watch

***SB 1188
Com. on
E. & C. A.
4/9/12**

ELECTIONS: INITIATIVES: PETITIONS: CIRCULATOR'S SIGNATURE

Amends existing law that requires initiatives and nominating petitions have a specified declaration attached signed by the circulator as to the truthfulness and correctness of the content of the declaration, under penalty of perjury, with the signature of the person's name at length, including given name, middle name or initial, or initial and middle name. Deletes the requirement that the circulator's signature be made at length.

STATUS 7/3/12

To Governor.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**SB 1233
PADILLA
6/11/12**

BALLOT MEASURE PETITIONS: TRANSLATIONS

Requires the proponents of an initiative or referendum measure to submit a list of specified counties in which the petition will be circulated. Requires the Attorney General to prepare a translation in a language other than English under certain circumstances. Requires the Attorney General to provide a copy of the circulating title and summary and its translation to specified entities. Requires that information be provided by circulators. Requires the same procedures for a recall election.

STATUS 6/19/12

From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Do pass to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

SB 1272
KEHOE
6/27/12

POLITICAL PARTY ORGANIZATION: COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Deletes a requirement that county central committee members be elected at every statewide direct primary election. Relates to write-in campaigns and candidates entitlements to receive certificates of election. Permits those members to be elected at every presidential primary election. Specifies that a county central committee of any of specified political parties may select its members at any time by holding a caucus or convention or by using any other approved method of selection.

STATUS 6/27/12

In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Support

SB 1275
LIEU
4/24/12

VACANCIES IN OFFICE: SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Requires that a special general election occur at least a specified number of days after the issuance of an election proclamation. Revises the deadlines relating to the filing of nomination papers for a candidate in a special primary election. Requires that an application for a vote by mail ballot in such election be made in the same manner as for a regular election.

STATUS 6/19/12

From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Do pass to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Support

SB 1296
FULLER
4/12/12

ELECTIONS: BALLOT MATERIALS

Requires the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Attorney General, to prepare the ballot title and summary for all measures submitted to the voters of the state. Requires the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, to prepare any fiscal estimate or opinion required by a proposed initiative measure. Revises deadlines applicable to the preparation of a title and summary and a fiscal estimate or opinion. Becomes operative upon the approval by the voters of SCA 19 of the 2011-12 Regular Session.

STATUS 4/19/12

Failed to pass Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

No position

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**SB 1346
NEGRETE
MC LEOD
5/2//12**

ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES: BALLOT CONTAINERS

Allows the county elections official for certain counties to direct that ballot containers be sealed prior to the closing of the polls and directs a ballot security team to remove from a polling place and the presence of any bystanders prior to the closing of the polls a sealed ballot container of voted untallied ballots. Requires that official to identify each precinct from which such containers will be removed prior to the closing of the polls. Allows processing of ballots upon receipt of containers. (Urgency)

STATUS 5/8/12

In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Not heard.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**SCA 19
FULLER
4/12/12**

ELECTIONS: BALLOT MEASURES

Requires that an initiative or referendum petition be submitted to the Legislative Analyst instead of the Attorney General, and would transfer from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst the duty of preparing the title and summary for a proposed initiative or referendum that is to be circulated. Requires, for each measure that appears on a statewide ballot, that the Legislative Analyst to prepare the official ballot label, and the official ballot title and summary for the ballot pamphlet.

STATUS 4/19/12

Failed to pass Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

No position

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| Assembly Bills | 31 |
| Senate Bills | 10 |
| Total | 41 |