# CHAPTERED BILLS 2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO./ AUTHOR

#### SUMMARY

**AB 30** PRICE 9/02/09

# PRE-VOTER REGISTRATION: 17 YEARS OLD

Authorizes a person, at least 17 years of age to submit an affidavit of registration. The affidavit of registration shall be deemed effective as soon as the affiant would be 18 years of age at the time of the next election. Requires the local registrar of births and deaths to notify the county elections official monthly of all deceased persons 17 years of age and over whose deaths were registered the previous month. Becomes operative if the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a data base that complies with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002. Includes double joining language relating to SB 6.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 364, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

No position

AB 269

#### **ELECTION OBSERVERS**

SILVA 4/13/09 Makes it a misdemeanor for a member of the public observing the processing of vote by mail ballots, the official canvass, or a recount to willfully engage in certain conduct, as specified, in order to ascertain the voter's identity or the voter's ballot choices.

**STATUS** 

Chapter 94, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

Support

**AB 306** FULLER 4/13/09

#### **STATE BALLOT PAMPHLETS**

Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish a process to allow voters to opt out of receiving the state ballot pamphlet by mail. This process shall become effective only after the SOS certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with HAVA. Provides that the process shall not apply where two or more registered voters have the same postal address unless each of those voters sharing the same address has chosen to discontinue receiving the ballot pamphlet by mail.

STATUS

Chapter 98, 2009 Statutes.

CACEO POSITION

No position (Letter of Concern)

#### SUMMARY

# **AB 753**

ADAMS 9/02/09

# STATE MEASURES: BALLOT TITLES AND LABELS

Revises the provisions relating to the duties of the Attorney General and Secretary of State regarding ballot measures and the regulations and time requirements for proponents of a ballot measure. Includes double joining language relating to AB 894.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 373, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

No position (7/23 Am.)

NOTE SOS Bill

## **AB 894 FURUTANI**

9/02/09

## **BALLOT MEASURES: ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

Requires the fiscal impact statement included in the title and summary of the Attorney General to be in boldface print. Requires, for a statewide measure that would result in increased cost to the state, the Legislative Analyst to provide an analysis of the measure's estimated impact on the state. Also specifies that the Legislative Analyst shall utilize, to the extent practicable, a uniform estimate of increase or decrease in revenue or cost of the measure. Includes double joining language relating to AB 753.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 485, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

No position (5/11 Am)

## AB 1134 MENDOZA

2/27/09

## PETITIONS: WITHDRAWAL OF SIGNATURE

Provides that a voter's written request to withdraw his or her signature from a petition is not a petition or paper requiring a declaration of circulator.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 510, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

Support (Proposal #4)

# AB 1337

# **ELECTIONEERING**

**EVANS** 6/8/09

Defines electioneering to mean the visible or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a polling place, an election official's office, or a satellite location in the provisions prohibiting electioneering.

**STATUS** 

Chapter 146, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

Support

NOTE SOS Bill

#### **SUMMARY**

# AB 1396

# TORRES 9/02/09

## **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Repeals and reenacts provisions relating to the state central committee to specify that the elements and practices shall be the same as set forth in the standing rules and by laws of the Democratic Party of California.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 392, 2009 Statutes.

## **CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed

## AB 1440

# SWANSON 9/02/09

## **STATE OF EMERGENCY: VOTING**

Requires a county elections official to issue a provisional ballot that may be identical to the provisional ballot offered to other voters in the county to an emergency worker, as defined, using a process to be determined by the elections official. Outlines the requirements that must be satisfied in order for the ballot to be counted.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 395, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

Support

NOTE SOS Bill

#### AB 1490

# GALGIANI 2/27/09

## **ELECTIONS: RESULTS**

Requires the elections official to report election results to the Secretary of State within 31 days and the results of presidential elections within 28 days, of the election.

STATUS

Chapter 149, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

Watch

NOTE SOS Bill

### **AB 1525**

## **ELECTION RECOUNTS**

BEALL 6/25/09 Allows a voter to request a recount in an election conducted in a shared county within 5 days beginning on the 29th day after the election.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 541, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

Support

NOTE SOS Bill

#### SUMMARY

#### AB 1572

## **OMNIBUS BILL**

COM. on E. & R. 3/17/09

Changes statutory references from "absentee ballots" to "vote by mail ballots". Deletes reference to "nomination documents filed pursuant to Section 8020" from provisions requiring a candidate to submit a ballot designation worksheet, as specified. Deletes obsolete provision relating to the filing of a candidate's statement by a candidate for judicial office. Also shifts the authority to bill the additional actual expenses and the obligation to refund any overpayment for a candidate statement from the elections official to the local agency that produced the estimated cost.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 547, 2009 Statutes.

## **CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed (Includes portion of Proposal #3)

#### AB 1573

## **ELECTIONS: VOTING**

COM. on E. & R. 3/17/09

Requires that the Secretary of State be named as a real party in interest in writ proceedings concerning specific measures and candidates. Requires that vote by mail voter observers be permitted close access to observe vote by mail ballot return envelopes and the signature thereon.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 548, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

To be discussed

## AB 1574

## **OMNIBUS BILL**

COM. on E. & R. 8/26/09

Deletes the requirement that a member of the board of supervisors be authorized by the board to submit an argument for or against a county measure. Clarifies that the 14-day filing deadline to submit arguments for a city measure does not apply when the election is a consolidated election. Revises reference from "5:00 p.m." to "during normal business hours as posted" in provisions governing appointments in lieu of a municipal election.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 549, 2009 Statutes.

# **CACEO POSITION**

To be discussed (Includes Proposal #11 and CCAC proposals).

#### SUMMARY

SB 6

MALDONADO 2/19/09

# **ELECTIONS: PRIMARIES**

Permits a voter, at the time of registration, to choose whether or not to disclose a party preference. Provides a voter may vote for the candidate of his or her choosing in the primary election. Provides for a voter-nominated primary election for state elective office and congressional office in which the voter may vote for any candidate for congressional or state elective office without regard to the political party. Requires the two candidates with the highest vote totals compete at the general election. Becomes operative upon voter approval of SCA 4.

**STATUS** 

Chapter 1, 2009 Statutes.

SB 740

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

CEDILLO 2/27/09

Provides that the provisional ballot shall be rejected if the provisional ballot envelope is not signed. Requires election officials to retain voted provisional ballots and their envelopes for 6 months from the date of the election.

STATUS 10/11/09

Chapter 611, 2009 Statutes.

**CACEO POSITION** 

Support

NOTE SOS Bill

SCA 4

**ELECTIONS: OPEN PRIMARIES** 

MALDONADO 2/19/09 Proposes the "Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act" which would provide for a voter-nominated primary election to select the candidates for congressional and state elective offices in California. Specifies that all voters may vote at the voter nominated primary election for those candidates without regard to political party preference. Provides that a candidate may choose to have his or her party preference indicated on the ballot. Provides the two candidates with the two highest vote totals for each office will compete for the office at the ensuing general election. Becomes operative January 1, 2011 if approved by the voters.

**STATUS** 

Resolution Chapter 2, 2009 Statutes.

Assembly 14

Senate 3

Total 17