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March 27, 2023

The Honorable Assemblymember Gail Pellerin Member, Assembly Elections Committee 1021 O Street, Suite 6310 Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1206 (Pellerin) Voter registration database: Electronic Registration Information Center - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Pellerin:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to sponsor and support Assembly Bill 1206, your proposal to enroll California into the voter registration database: Electronic Registration Information Center.

Current law requires the Secretary of State to establish a statewide system to facilitate removal of duplicate or prior voter registrations to facilitate the reporting of election results and voter and candidate information and to otherwise administer and enhance election administration. Existing law also requires that certain voter registration information be provided to, among others, any person for election, scholarly, journalistic, or political purposes, or for governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State.

Your proposal would require the Secretary of State to apply for membership with the Electronic Registration Information Center and, if that application is approved, require the Secretary of State to execute a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center on behalf of the state.

AB 1206 would also require the Secretary of State to ensure that any confidential information or data provided by another state remains confidential, and would authorize the Secretary of State to transmit confidential information or data pursuant to that agreement. The bill would also authorize the Secretary of State to adopt regulations necessary to implement these provisions.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at bob.page@ocvote.gov or (714) 567-7620, or my co-chairs James Kus, at jkus@fresnocountyca.gov or (559) 600-1730 or Tricia Webber at tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.us or (831) 454-2409.

Respectfully,

Bob Page

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