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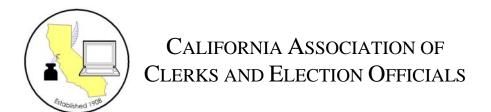
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March 21, 2007

Assembly Member Michael Villines State Capitol, Room 3104 Sacramento, CA 94249-0029

Dear Assembly Member Villines:

On March 9, 2007, the Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) reviewed AB 1408 (as introduced February 23, 2007), regarding the cancellation of felons' voter registration.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the language in the bill, in particular the requirement that the clerk of the court furnish the information to the election official on or before the 15th day before a statewide primary, general or special election. Though 15 days prior to the election is the deadline for registration in California, indexes must be printed well in advance of this date to provide time for assembly and distribution to the polls for use on Election Day. In order to have adequate time to process the list of felons and have the information accurately reflected on the index, election officials must receive the information a minimum of 60 days prior to the election. This requirement is the origin of the current provision of the first day of April and September dates which fall approximately 60 days prior to a June Primary and November General Election. Except that it imposes a semi-annual requirement and is unrelated to election dates, current law does not take into consideration the February Presidential Primary Election, nor any statewide special election.

We would be happy to work with you and your staff to address your concerns with the current statute. Please let us know how we may do so.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not he sitate to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office, (707) 565-1877.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson, Correspondence Secretary **Elections Legislative Committee** California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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