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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS

August 28, 2009

Senator Curren Price
State Capitol, Room 2052
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Price:

We have received a copy of the letter you recently sent to Maureen Ortiz, Chief Consultant to Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee, regarding costs associated with Assembly Bill 30, a bill that proposes to allow 16 and 17 year old to "pre-register" to vote. You have stated in the letter that there **should be no additional costs** to implement AB 30, basing your statement on conversations your researchers had with staff in three counties.

We, the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO), must respectfully disagree with this conclusion. While we have not taken a position on the merits of the proposal or issues concerning the implementation of the bill, we wish to be on record stating that there are definitely additional costs associated with the implementation of the bill.

Although the individuals named in your letter confirm that they spoke with representatives regarding this concept, they were not familiar with all aspects of establishing and maintaining a "pre-registration" database, and they deny stating that there would be no costs in implementing this proposal. Further, depending on counties' procedures and processes, estimates on the cost of the bill vary significantly from county to county.

Our reading of the bill would indicate that the "pre-registrations" would require data entry upon receipt, production and mailing of an acknowledgement of receipt, maintenance of the voter's address and political party during the period of "pre-registration, and an acknowledgement sent to the voter at such time he/she is eligible to vote. I am certain you can see that there would be costs associated with the file maintenance and mailing requirements of the bill. However, if the intent of the bill is that the forms be accepted, without any acknowledgement to the voter, and simply held until the voter is eligible to participate in an election, costs would be significantly less. That being said, there remain cost issues associated with maintaining a "tickler" file to ensure voters are added into the system timely and with voters registering multiple times during the "pre-registration" period in an effort to update addresses or political party information, resulting in either additional data entry, or manual maintenance of the tickler file – not to mention the data entry for those voters who move out of the county or die after "preregistering" but before attaining eligibility to vote.

One further issue for your consideration is the ability of a minor to sign a legal document, such as an affidavit of voter registration. Generally speaking, minors are unable to sign legal documents, and require parental permission for such documents as Driver License Applications. We bring this to your attention in the event other changes to law are necessary.

Very truly yours,

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