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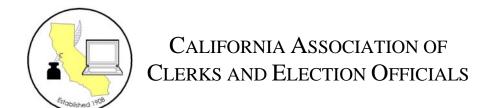
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March 21, 2007

Assembly Member Curren Price State Capitol, Room 2179 P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0051

Dear Assembly Member Price:

In regard to **AB 984**, (as introduced February 22, 2007), the Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) has adopted a position of **Support**, **if amended** to clarify and simplify the methodology for determining precinct size. While the Committee is in complete support of the concept of subtracting permanent absentee voters from the total number of registered voters when establishing election precincts (inasmuch as those voters will not be voting at the polling location), there was considerable discussion regarding the language of the bill. The concern was voiced that the current wording would allow for differing interpretations and inconsistent implementation.

We hope to work with you and your staff to clarify the wording to meet the needs of pollworkers and election officials while providing consistent interpretation and reasonable protections for voters.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate 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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