



BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

AB 33
JEFFRIES
12/06/10

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: VACANCY: APPOINTMENT

Requires the Governor to fill the vacancy on a county board of supervisors within 90 days, if the Governor fails to act within 90 days, authorizes the board of supervisors, within the next 90 days, to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy, call a special election to fill the vacancy, or leave the vacancy open until the next regularly scheduled general election, as provided. Provides that if the Governor and board of supervisors both fail to act, the vacancy shall remain open until the next regular election at which time a successor may be elected.

STATUS 1/24/11

To Assembly Com. on Local Government

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 65
GATTO
2/2/11

ELECTIONS: STATEWIDE BALLOT PAMPHLET

Requires the Secretary of State to include in the ballot pamphlet a list of the five highest contributors of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more to each primarily formed committee supporting each state measure and the total amount of each of their contributions, as well as a statement that the list reflects on the highest contributors of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more, as of 110 days before election day. Provides that candidate or other information may be added to the ballot pamphlet. Amends the Political Reform Act of 1974 by permitting or requiring the inclusion of additional information on the ballot pamphlet, would require a majority vote.

STATUS 2/2/11

In Assembly. Re-referred to Committee on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

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SUMMARY

***AB 78
MENDOZA
1/3/11**

IMMIGRATION: ADVISORY ELECTION

Provides for an election to be called for the purpose of placing before the voters of the state an advisory question asking whether the President and the Congress shall create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have worked in this country for at least 5 years, have no felony convictions, and have learned to speak English, and have paid all taxes for which they are responsible. Requires the Secretary of State to communicate the results of the election to the President Requires that this election be consolidated with the statewide direct primary election of June 5, 2012. Becomes operative immediately.

STATUS 2/10/11

To Assembly Com. on Judiciary & E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 80
FONG
1/3/11**

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY: ELECTION DATE

Requires the date of the presidential primary election be changed to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of presidential election years, and consolidates the presidential primary election with the statewide direct primary election.

STATUS 2/10/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**AB 84
FONG
1/5/11**

ELECTIONS: NEW CITIZENS

Authorizes a new citizen to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on the 14th day before an election and ending at the close of polls on the election day following the date on which that person became a citizen. Revises the definition of a new citizen to mean any person who meets all the requirements of an elector of, and who has established residency in, this state, except that he or she will become a U.S. citizen after the 15th day prior to an election.

STATUS 1/27/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**BILL NO./
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SUMMARY

***AB 193
KNIGHT
1/27/11**

POLLING PLACE DESIGNATION

Prohibits a polling place from being designated at a property or facility where a person who is required to register pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act resides. Requires elections officials to, at a minimum, consult the database for registered sex offenders maintained by the Department of Justice prior to designating a location as a polling place. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 2/10/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 293
HILL
2/9/11**

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Requires the local elections official to establish a free access system that allows a vote by mail voter to find out whether his or her vote by mail ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 2/9/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 346
ATKINS
2/10/11**

ESTABLISHMENT OF POLLING PLACES

Requires the Secretary of State to conduct a study to determine whether the establishment of polling places at higher education campuses would increase student voter election turnout. Provides that if the Secretary of State determines that the establishment of polling places at campuses would increase student voter election day turnout, the Secretary of State shall specify the campuses at which the establishment of polling places would most increase student voter turnout. Requires the Secretary of State to report its findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2013.

STATUS 2/10/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

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***SB 66
VARGAS
1/6/11**

IMPERIAL COUNTY: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Extends to Imperial County, existing provisions that authorizes a board of supervisors to appoint a registrar of voters to discharge all duties vested by law in the county elections official which relate to and are a part of the election procedure. (Urgency)

STATUS 2/16/11

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Gov. and Finance

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**SB 88
YEE
1/10/11**

ELECTIONS: NAMES OF CANDIDATES

Requires that, if a jurisdiction provides a translation of candidates' alphabet-based names into a character-based language, such as Chinese, Japanese or Korean, phonetic transliterations of the alphabet-based names of candidates be provided. Permits a specified jurisdiction that provides translations of candidates' names to establish a process by which specified candidates may appeal the translation of his or her name. Requires a county to purchase voting equipment that permits compliance.

STATUS 1/20/11

To Senate Com. on Elections & Const. Amendments

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 106
BLAKESLEE
1/13/11**

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Provides that all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2009, and before April 10, 2011, in the preparation for, and conduct of, elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy of Congressional members, shall be paid by the state. Specifies that the elections official, in providing the materials required by this division, need not utilize the services of the county or city purchasing agent. (Urgency)

STATUS 2/10/11

To Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

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***SB 109
GAINES
1/14/11**

ELECTIONS: SPECIAL: VOTE BY MAIL

Authorizes a small county with a population of 400,000 or less, as determined by the annual county total population estimates by the Demographic Research Unit of the Department of Finance, to conduct an election therein wholly by all-mail ballot, subject to the same conditions currently imposed on small cities and other eligible entities. (Urgency)

STATUS 2/10/11

To Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 113
LIU
1/19/11**

STATE MANDATES: REIMBURSEMENT

Amends existing law requiring the Commission on State Mandates to adopt parameters and guidelines for reimbursement of claims by local agencies and school districts for state mandates pursuant to statute. Requires that any amendment of the parameters and guidelines language that does not increase or decrease the reimbursable costs shall limit the eligible filing period commencing with the fiscal year in which the amended parameters and guidelines were adopted.

STATUS 2/10/11

To Senate Com. on Gov. & Finance

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 141
PRICE
1/31/11**

ELECTIONS: PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Provides that all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or Assembly Member, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Representative in the Congress, shall be paid by the state. Provides that the state shall pay only those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor when consolidated with a local election.

STATUS 2/10/11

To Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
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***SB 165
LA MALFA
2/3/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING

Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that provides that specified persons may observe and challenge the manner in which vote by mail ballots are handled and processed by county elections officials and that vote by mail voter observers be permitted sufficiently close access to observe vote by mail ballot return envelopes and the signatures thereon.

STATUS 2/3/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 183
CORREA
2/7/11**

BALLOTS: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Prohibits a voter from placing personal information upon a ballot that identifies the voter. Provides that a ballot that contains personal information is not invalid. Deletes a requirement that a ballot marked in a manner so as to identify the voter is void. Requires a ballot that contains personal information to be segregated in a specified manner, also requires that a duplicate be prepared. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 2/7/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 199
CORREA
2/8/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Permits a voter to return a vote by mail ballot to any polling place in the state. Requires that, in the case of an absentee ballot returned to a precinct located in a county other than the county of the elections official who issued the ballot, the elections official responsible for the polling place at which the ballot is returned shall forward the ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 2/8/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
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SUMMARY

***SB 205
CORREA
2/8/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION: PAID REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

Prohibits any person, company, or other organization from agreeing to pay money on a per-affidavit basis to any person who assists another person to register to vote. Provides that a violation would be a misdemeanor. Makes changes to existing law that requires an elections official to notify the person, company, or other organization that assists others to register to vote, if 3 or more affidavits submitted by the person assisting do not comply with specified provisions.

STATUS 2/8/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed