



**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

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

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./
AUTHOR**

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

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 362
LOWENTHAL B
2/14/11**

ELECTIONS: SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE: WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

Revises the number of voter signatures required on a write-in petition for the office of superior court judge. To at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures but need not contain more than 600 signatures. Requires that, a statement of write-in candidacy for the office of superior court judge also include a statement that the person satisfies the eligibility requirements for a judge of a court of record specified in the California Constitution.

STATUS 2/14/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 413
YAMADA
2/4/11**

ELECTIONS: ALL-MAILED BALLOT ELECTIONS

Authorizes Yolo County, until December 31, 2017, to conduct elections, other than statewide primary or general elections or special elections to fill a vacancy in a state office, the Legislature, or Congress, wholly by mail if specified conditions are satisfied. Requires if, the county conducts an all-mailed ballot election, to report as specified to the Legislature and to the Secretary of State. Remains effective until January 1, 2018.

STATUS 2/14/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 435
WAGNER
2/14/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTING INDUCEMENTS

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that makes it a crime for a person to attempt to influence a voter, through the use of money or other valuable consideration, to vote or refrain from voting for a particular person or measure.

STATUS 2/14/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 459
HILL
2/15/11**

PRIMARY ELECTIONS: PARTY ELIGIBILITY

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that specifies conditions under which a party is qualified to participate in a primary election.

STATUS 2/15/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 461
BONILLA
2/15/11**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Requires that in the event of a manual recount, existing write-in vote processing provisions shall be liberally construed to ensure that each ballot is counted if the intent of the voter can be determined, regardless of whether the voter has complied with the voting instructions.

STATUS 2/15/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 477
VALADAO
2/15/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Requires that vote by mail ballots of special absentee voters, as defined, temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia, be postmarked or signed and dated by the voter on or before election day and received by their elections official not later than 14 days after election day. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 2/15/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 481
GORDON
2/15/11**

PETITIONS: SIGNATURE GATHERERS

Requires an initiative, referendum, or recall petition, to reflect in specified language, whether it is being circulated by a paid circulator or by a volunteer. Requires an individual who receives compensation to circulate an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear a badge stating, in no smaller than 30-point font, that he or she is a "paid" signature gatherer on his or her chest in clear view of all individuals signing or asked to sign the petition. Defines "volunteer" and "paid circulator."

STATUS 2/15/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 503
BLOCK
2/15/11**

PROCESSING WRITE-IN VOTES

Requires an elections official, in an election that uses a voting system which write-in spaces appear directly below the list of candidates for that office and provide a voting space, after tallying all eligible votes but prior to completion of an official canvass and the issuance of the certified statement of the results, and upon the request of a qualified write-in candidate, including a write-in candidate for an office for which a voter may vote for multiple candidates, to hand tally the votes for a write-in candidate if the elections official makes a specified determination. Requires the official to include the results of a hand tally in the official canvass of the election.

STATUS 2/15/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 651
HUESO
2/16/11**

INITIATIVES: PAID CIRCULATORS

Requires an individual who receives compensation to circulate an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear a clearly visible badge on his or her chest stating, in no smaller than 30-point type, the name of his or her employer. Requires a firm that engages in the business of paying individuals to circulate petitions and gather signatures for state or local ballot initiatives to register with the Secretary of State and pay a registration fee. Requires the Secretary of State to, use the fees collected to maintain a directory of these firms on its Internet Web site.

STATUS 2/16/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 663
MORRELL
2/17/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Requires a person desiring to vote to produce and show proof of identification, as defined, to the precinct worker at the polling place before being permitted to sign the roster of voters. Provides that if a voter is unable or declines to provide sufficient proof of identification the voter may request and be issued a provisional ballot. Provides, exemptions from the requirement to provide proof of identification for voters residing in state-licensed care facilities that are used as polling places, vote by mail and special absentee voters who cast their ballots by mail and voters who establish a religious objection to being photographed. Provides for purposes of complying with the proof of identification requirement, a registered voter could obtain a state-issued identification card from the Department of Motor Vehicles at no cost. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 2/17/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 732
BUCHANAN
2/17/11**

ELECTIONS: BALLOT PAMPHLET

Requires at each statewide election at which a state bond measure will be submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection, the ballot pamphlet for that election shall include a simple and easy to understand graph, chart, or report card, prepared by the legislative Analyst, illustrating the information relating to state bonded indebtedness, as specified.

STATUS 2/17/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 754
FLETCHER
2/17/11**

ELECTIVE OFFICE: MILITARY SERVICE

Permits a person who is deployed on active military service outside of the state to have an attorney-in-fact authorized under a power of attorney to complete and file on the deployed person's behalf a declaration of candidacy, nomination paper, and any other paper necessary for the deployed person to run for office. Provides that a declaration or paper completed and filed by the attorney-in-fact shall be deemed to be completed and filed by the deployed person.

STATUS 2/17/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 867
SWANSON
2/17/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Provides that an application for, a vote by mail ballot must be received by the elections official between the 29th and 7th days prior to the election.
Authorizes a voter to designate an authorized representative in writing to an elections official to receive, return, or both receive and return, the voter's vote by mail ballot, who is unaffiliated with a candidate, PAC, or political party.
Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 2/17/11
Introduced

CACEO POSITION
To be discussed

***AB 896
PORTANTINO
2/17/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Permits vote by mail ballots, special absentee ballots, and mail ballots in certain local and special district elections that are returned by mail and postmarked by election day, to be received and canvassed under the same procedure as all other vote by mail ballots. Imposes a state-mandated local program

STATUS 2/17/11
Introduced

CACEO POSITION
To be discussed

***AB 906
GALGANI
2/17/11**

ELECTIONS: REAPPORTIONMENT

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing provisions that require the county elections official in each county to compile and make available to the Legislature, or an appropriate committee of the Legislature, information and statistics that may be necessary in connection with the reapportionment of legislative districts, as specified.

STATUS 2/17/11
Introduced

CACEO POSITION
To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***ACA 9
GATTO
12/9/10**

INITIATIVE MEASURES: SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENT

Requires that an initiative measure that would increase the vote requirement for any action by the electors or the Legislature, or imposes an extraordinary vote requirement for the amendment of an initiative statute by the Legislature, without approval by the electors by a vote greater than a majority in each house, may itself be approved by the electors only if the measure receives no less than the same percentage of affirmative votes from the electors as the percentage of the vote that would be required for the Legislature to amend the measure's statutory provisions without the electors' approval.

STATUS 12/9/10

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***ACA 11
GATTO
12/9/10**

INITIATIVE: ELECTION QUALIFICATION SIGNITURES

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to increase the percentage requirement for signatures to 8 percent in the case of an initiative measure that proposes a statute.

STATUS 12/9/10

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***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

From Senate Com. on Gov. and Finance: Do pass.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**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 E & C. A.

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

**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

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**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

***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 2/17/11

To Senate Com. on RULES.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SB 168
CORBETT
2/3/11**

PETITIONS: COMPENSATION FOR SIGNATURES

Provides that it is a misdemeanor for a person to pay or to receive money or any other thing of value based on the number of signatures obtained on a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition, and prescribes penalties for doing so. Imposes a state mandated program.

STATUS 2/17/11

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

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 2/17/11

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

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 2/17/11

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

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 2/17/11

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 327
Com. on
E & C. A.
2/15/11**

ELECTIONS: PROCEDURE

Requires a verified statement of the candidate, submitted with nomination papers, to include a statement indicating his or her residence address. Specifies that the deadline is the close of business on either the 88th or 83rd day before the election, whichever applies.

STATUS 2/15/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 334
DESAULNIER
2/15/11**

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 2/15/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SB 348
CORREA
2/15/11**

ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Provides that any vote by mail ballot is timely cast if it is postmarked on or before election day and received by the voter's election official no later than six days after election day.

STATUS 2/15/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 397
YEE
2/16/11**

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Authorize counties to develop and use an electronic voter registration system for the electronic submission of an affidavit of voter registration from a person who is qualified to register to vote, who has a valid California driver's license or state identification card, and who resides in that county. Authorizes a person who is qualified to register to vote and who has a valid California driver's license or state identification card to submit an affidavit of voter registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the county elections official of the county in which the person resides if that county has opted to comply with the provisions of this chapter. Specifies that certain conditions must be met before the electronic submission of an affidavit of voter registration to a county elections official could become effective. Remains in effect only until the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

STATUS 2/16/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 441
VARGAS
2/16/11**

ELECTIONS: CONTRIBUTIONS

Repeals existing law that permits the county central committee of each qualified political party to supply county elections officials with party contribution envelopes or letters to be included with the mailing of the sample ballot to each of the registered voters who indicated the same political party affiliation.

STATUS 2/16/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SB 448
DESAULNIER/
HANCOCK
2/16/11**

INITIATIVE: PAID CIRCULATORS

Requires an individual who receives compensation to circulate an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear a badge stating, in no smaller than 30-point font print, that he or she is a "paid signature gatherer" and that identifies if and where he or she is registered to vote. Requires the individual to wear the badge on his or her chest in clear view of all individuals signing or asked to sign the petition.

STATUS 2/16/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

Assembly	25
Senate	17
Total	42