



**BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 33
JEFFRIES
4/5/11**

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: VACANCY: APPOINTMENT

Requires the Governor to fill the vacancy or authorize the board of supervisors to fill the vacancy on a county board of supervisors within 180 days, if the Governor fails to act within 180 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 5/11/11

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on Local Gov.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 46
PEREZ/
SMYTH
4/4/11**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: CITIES

Provides that every city with a population of less than 150 people as of January 1, 2010, would be disincorporated as of 91 days after the effective date of this act, into that city's respective county, unless a county board of supervisors determines, by majority vote within the 90-day period following enactment of these provisions, that continuing such a city within that county's boundaries would serve a public purpose if the board of supervisors determines that the city is in an isolated rural location that makes it impractical for the residents of the community to organize in another form of local governance. Requires the local agency formation commission within the county to oversee the terms and conditions of the disincorporation of the city, as specified.

STATUS 4/28/11

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 65
GATTO
3/22/11**

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 a list of the 5 highest contributors of \$50,000 or more to each primarily formed committee opposing each state measure, 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 4/26/11

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

CACEO POSITION

No position

**AB 71
HUBER
12/20/10**

LOBBYISTS: ONLINE DIRECTORY

Requires that the online directory maintained by the Secretary of State also contain information regarding lobbying interests. Requires that periodic reports filed by lobbyist employers and other persons contain the bill numbers of any legislation lobbied for or against during the reporting period. Requires the Secretary of State to display on his or her Internet Web site a list of the lobbying interests containing a specific reference to a bill number.

STATUS 4/6/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr.: To Suspense File.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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

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 4/26/11

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

CACEO POSITION

Support (letter of concern) (3/4 Am)

**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 4/26/11

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

CACEO POSITION

Support (letter of concern)

**AB 93
LARA
3/14/11**

ELECTIONS: CITY OF BELL

Authorizes the City of Bell to comply with the alternative procedure for certification, declaration of election results, and installation of newly elected officers. Requires the city, upon completion of a vote canvass by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, to certify the election results to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Requires the board to adopt a resolution and declare the election results. Requires the city to install the new officers within a certain time period.

STATUS 3/21/11

Chapter 1, 2011 Statutes. Effective 3/21/11

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 107
Com. on
Budget
3/14/11

SPECIAL ELECTION

Provides for a statewide special election to be held on June 7, 2011, requiring the Secretary of State to place before the voters at that election a legislative constitutional amendment, as specified, relating to local government finance. Requires certain statutory deadlines are waived in relation to the placement of that measure before the voters at the June 7, 2011, statewide special election. Provides that funds necessary to pay the claims of local agencies arising from their costs incurred to conduct the June 7, 2011, statewide special election shall be included in the Budget Act of 2011 or in another statute. Becomes effective immediately.

STATUS 3/16/11

In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

*AB 193
KNIGHT
4/26/11

POLLING PLACE DESIGNATION

Prohibits a polling place from being designated at a single family residence where a registered sex offender resides. Requires elections officials to consult the Megan's Law sex offenders; database maintained by the Department of Justice not more than 60 days prior to designating a single-family residence as a polling place. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 5/2/11

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

Letter of concern

*AB 213
SILVA
1/31/11

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

Requires a state agency, when it considers it appropriate, to mail or to electronically mail a notice of proposed action to adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation to local government agencies or local government agency representatives that are likely to be affected by the proposed action. Defines "local government agency representative".

STATUS 5/4/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr.: To Suspense File.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**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 4/26/11

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

CACEO POSITION

Support

***AB 346
ATKINS
4/4/11**

POLLING PLACES: HIGHER EDUCATION CAMPUSES

Requires for elections conducted by a county, the county elections official to establish at least one polling place within the county's electoral jurisdiction on a higher education campus, as defined, except a county elective official of a county that does not have a higher education campus within its jurisdiction.

STATUS 5/4/11

From Assembly Com. on Appr.: Do Pass.

CACEO POSITION

Letter of Concern (3/4 Am)

**AB 362
LOWENTHAL
B
3/14/11**

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 contains 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 4/26/11

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

CACEO POSITION

Support (if amended)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 392
ALEJO
2/14/11**

POSTING AGENDAS

Requires the legislative body of a local agency, at least 72 hours before a regular meeting of that body, to post the agenda and staff generated reports that relate to an agenda item for the open session of that regular meeting. Requires the legislative body to post the agenda and the writings on its internet web site or in a public location if the body has not web site.

STATUS 5/11/11

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

No position

**AB 413
YAMADA
4/5/11**

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 4/26/11

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

CACEO POSITION

No position

***AB 435**
WAGNER
3/31/11

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT: NONPARTISAN OFFICE

Prohibits the statement of a candidate for a nonpartisan local office from containing a pledge, promise, or commitment with respect to a matter that could come before the candidate in the office to which he or she is seeking election. Requires that the statement of the candidate's personal background and qualifications be limited to objective, verifiable facts concerning the candidate's experiences, accomplishments, and credentials and not include references to the candidate's beliefs, ideas, ideology, viewpoints, or campaign platform. Requires that each voter's pamphlet contain a notice informing the voter that each candidate's statement has been prepared solely by, and contains the representations solely of, that candidate and has not been independently verified by the elections official or any other government official or agency.

STATUS 3/31/11

In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

***AB 459**
HILL
4/13/11

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: INTERSTATE COMPACT

Ratifies a specified interstate compact that requires the chief election official of each signatory state to appoint the slate of presidential electors that was nominated in association with the presidential ticket that received the largest national popular vote total. Becomes effective if states cumulatively possessing a majority of the total electoral votes have ratified the compact.

STATUS 5/4/11

From Assembly Com. on Appr.: Do pass.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (3/3 Am)

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 461
BONILLA
4/5/11**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Requires that in the event of a manual recount conducted under specified circumstances, 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 5/5/11

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

Support (if amended)

***AB 477
VALADAO
4/5/11**

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 and the District of Columbia, be postmarked on or before election day and received by their elections officials not later than 10 days after election day. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 5/2/11

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (letter of concern)

**AB 481
GORDON
4/5/11**

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 circulates an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear a badge stating, in no smaller than 30-point type, that he or she is either a "paid" signature gatherer or "volunteer" signature gatherer on his or her chest in clear view of all individuals signing or asked to sign the petition. Defines the terms "paid circulator," "paid signature gatherer," "volunteer," and "volunteer signature gatherer".

STATUS 4/14/11

In Assembly. Read second time. To third reading.

CACEO POSITION

No position (3/4 Am)

***AB 503**
BLOCK
4/4/11

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 5/4/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr.: To Suspense File.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose

***AB 547**
GATTO
5/5/11

VOTING

Provides every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who, while providing care or direct supervision to an elder in a state-licensed or state-subsidized facility or program, coerces or deceives the elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to the elder's intent or in the absence of any intent of the elder regarding that vote. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 5/5/11

In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 651
HUESO
4/5/11

INITIATIVES: PAID CIRCULATORS

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 to be established by the Secretary of State. Requires the Secretary of State to use the fees collected to maintain a directory of these firms on its Internet Web site as well as to defray costs associated with other requirements, as specified. Requires a member of the firm to review the law relating to obtaining petition signatures with each paid petition circulator before the paid petition circulator obtains any signatures for the firm, and to submit to the Secretary of State a statement signed by each petition circulator and the member who conducted the review that the petition circulator has received the review, as well as a copy of the training materials provided to the petition circulator in connection with the review.

STATUS 4/25/11

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

No position (3/4 Am)

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 4/12/11

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Failed passage.

CACEO POSITION

No position

***AB 684**
BUCHANAN
4/25/11

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS: TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Authorizes the governing board of a community college to change election systems. Requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to approve of the change. Provides that a candidate would be required to reside in, and be registered to vote in, the trustee area. Authorizes the local board to set the initial boundaries for the trustee area. Authorizes the board to determine the number of trustees that the board may be composed of. Authorizes the board to set trustee terms of office.

STATUS 5/11/11

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 732**
BUCHANAN
4/26/11

BALLOT PAMPHLET: LEGISLATIVE ANALYST: TABLE

Requires that for state bond measures that are submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection, the summary of the Legislative Analyst's estimate of the net state and local government fiscal impact to include an explanatory table of the information in the summary.

STATUS 5/3/11

From Assembly Com. on E & R.: Do pass as amended to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***AB 754**
FLETCHER
4/26/11

ELECTIVE OFFICE: MILITARY SERVICE

Permits a person who is deployed on active military service outside of the state to have a declaration of candidacy, nomination paper, or any other paper necessary for the deployed person to run for office filed by an attorney-in-fact who is commissioned and empowered in writing for that purpose through a power of attorney, as specified.

STATUS 5/2/11

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

***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 5/4/11

From Assembly Com. on Appr.: Do pass.

CACEO POSITION

Support

***AB 896**
PORTANTINO
4/25/11

VOTER REGISTRATION

Provides that an electronically submitted affidavit of voter registration constitutes both a transaction within the meaning of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and a written communication with a public entity. Provides that a county elections official may accept such affidavit electronically if specified conditions are met.

STATUS 5/10/11

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (letter of concern)

***AB 906**
GALGANI
4/6/11

**PROTECTION OF VICTIMS AND MURDER WITNESSES: ADDRESS
CONFIDENTIALITY**

Amends existing provisions that permit any person filing with the county elections official a new affidavit of registration or reregistration to have information relating to his or her residence address, telephone number, and e-mail address appearing on the affidavit, or any list or roster or index prepared therefrom declared confidential upon presentation of certification that the person is a participant in the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking program, to include witnesses who testified in a murder trial. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 5/4/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr.: To Suspense File.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (3/4 Am)

BILL NO./
AUTHOR

SUMMARY

AB 945
DONNELLY
3/25/11

ELECTIONS: VOTING PROCEDURES

Requires that the identification envelope for returning a vote by mail ballot include a verification panel, concealed during mailing, setting forth the last four digits of the voter's California driver's license or identification card number or, if unavailable, the last four digits of the voter's social security number and a security flap that would conceal voter's identification information during mailing. Requires that a vote by mail ballot of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed outside of the United States be cast by election day and received by elections officials not later than 21 days after election day. Requires a person desiring to vote to produce and show a valid form of state-issued photographic identification to the precinct worker at the polling place. Imposes a state-mandated local program

STATUS 4/12/11

In Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Failed passage.

CACEO POSITION

No position (3/4 Am)

*AB 985
WILLIAMS/
BLAKESLEE
2/18/11

ELECTIONS: OFFICIAL CANVASS: MANUAL TALLY

Authorizes the local elections official, during the official canvass of an election in which a voting system is used, to conduct a manual tally of the ballots cast in 1 percent of the precincts chosen at random by the elections official and a separate manual tally of not less than 1 percent of the vote by mail ballots casts in the election.

STATUS 5/2/11

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

Support

AB 1141
ACHADJIAN
2/18/11

VOTER EDUCATION: CITIZENSHIP

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing state law that authorizes the Secretary of State to provide grants to local elections officials, nonprofit corporations, and unincorporated associations to conduct voter outreach and voter education programs, or to increase accessibility for eligible voters with disabilities.

STATUS 2/18/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

Watch

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***AB 1201
FONG
3/31/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION

Requires a county elections official who receives an affidavit of registration from a voter who resides or claims residence in another county to forward the affidavit to the elections official for that county and requires the elections official for the county in which the voter resides to accept the affidavit as the voter's record of registration. Provides that registration by that method is effective for all elections occurring 15 or more days after receipt of the affidavit.

STATUS 5/11/11

Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 1232
LOGUE
2/18/11**

ELECTIONS: INITIATIVE PETITION

Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law which requires that a state or local initiative petition required to be signed by the voters contain a notice to the signers that the person circulating the petition may be a paid signature gatherer and that the signer has the right to inquire.

STATUS 2/18/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 1251
DAVIS
2/18/11**

ELECTIONS: DAY OF ELECTION

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which prohibits an election from being held on a day other than a Tuesday or on the day before, the day of, or the day after a state holiday.

STATUS 2/18/11

Introduced

CACEO POSITION

Watch

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 1252
DAVIS
4/4/11**

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLEGE DISTRICT: ELECTIONS

Provides for the establishment of a separate procedure for the election of the trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District. Specifies that a candidate for election must reside in, and be registered to vote in, the trustee area he or she seeks to represent. Provides that the size of the board, nomination of candidates, and term length would be determined, as specified. Requires the governing board of each trustee area to set the boundaries of each trustee area before March 1, 2012, to reflect the population enumerated in the federal 2010 decennial census. If the governing board fails to timely set the boundaries, then the county committee on school district organization shall do so before April 30, 2012. Imposes a state-mandated local program, and makes legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Los Angeles Community College District.

STATUS 4/4/11

In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**AB 1343
FONG
2/18/11**

VOTE BY MAIL: PROCEDURES: PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTERS

Requires that a permanent vote by mail voter be removed from the list of qualified permanent vote by mail voters if the voter fails to return an executed vote by mail ballot in 4 consecutive statewide general elections.

STATUS 4/25/11

Passed Assembly. To Senate.

CACEO POSITION

No position

***AB 1357
SWANSON
2/18/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION

States the intent of Legislature that county elections officials shall be permitted to provide affidavit of registration forms and voter registration cards online.

STATUS 5/5/11

In Assembly. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**AB 1365
NIELSEN
2/18/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION: INFORMATION SHARING

Requires a state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of State, to share with the Secretary of State information the agency is required to generate that will assist the Secretary of State in maintaining accurate lists of registered voters.

STATUS 3/21/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Watch

***AB 1412
Com. on
E. & R.
3/14/11**

VOTE BY MAIL

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that governing elections defines the term ballot card as meaning a card or a number of cards upon which are printed, or identified by reference to the ballot, the names of candidates for nomination or election to one or more offices or the ballot titles of one or more measures and authorizes voters to vote by mail if certain conditions are shown to be met.

STATUS 5/5/11

In Assembly. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**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 4/14/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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

INITIATIVES

Authorizes the Legislature to amend or repeal in initiative statute, effective 4 years or more after the date the initiative statute is approved by the voters, unless the statute allows that action by the Legislature at an earlier date. Requires that an amendment or repeal of an initiative by the Legislature be passed by a percentage of the membership of each house that exceeds the percentage of voters that approved the initiative statute that approved the most recent amendment of the initiative statute.

STATUS 4/14/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

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 4/14/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

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 5/3/11

Enrolled.

CACEO POSITION

No position

SB 83
Com. on
Budget &
Fiscal Review
Com.
3/14/11

SPECIAL ELECTION

Provides for a statewide special election to be held on June 7, 2011, requiring the Secretary of State to place before the voters at that election a legislative constitutional amendment, as specified, relating to local government finance. Requires certain statutory deadlines are waived in relation to the placement of that measure before the voters at the June 7, 2011, statewide special election. Provides that funds necessary to pay the claims of local agencies arising from their costs incurred to conduct the June 7, 2011, statewide special election shall be included in the Budget Act of 2011 or in another statute. Becomes effective immediately.

STATUS 3/14/11

In Assembly. Read second time & amended. Re-referred to Com. on Budget.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

***SB 88**
YEE
3/9/11

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 5/2/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose (unless amended)

***SB 106**
BLAKESLEE
4/25/11

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 5/2/11

In Senate Com. on Appr. : To Suspense File.

CACEO POSITION

Support

***SB 109**
GAINES
3/14/11

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 a special election to fill a vacancy in a legislative body or governing body, or any special election called by the Governor, wholly by all-mail ballot, subject to specified conditions. (Urgency)

STATUS 5/3/11

In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Failed passage: Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION

Support

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

Watch

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

**SB 141
PRICE
3/17/11**

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 4/11/11

In Senate Com. on Appr.: To Suspense File.

CACEO POSITION

Support

**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

Watch

***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 5/4/11

In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.

CACEO POSITION

Support

***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 5/2/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Support (if amended)

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 4/12/11

In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.

CACEO POSITION

Letter of concern

***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 5/2/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Support

SB 304
KEHOE
2/14/11

ELECTIONS: ALL-MAILED BALLOT ELECTIONS: SAN DIEGO

Authorize elections in San Diego County, to be conducted wholly by mail, as a pilot program until January 1, 2016, if specified conditions are satisfied. Provides, if the county conducts an all-mailed ballot election on or before December 31, 2016, the county would be required to report to the Legislature and to the Secretary of State regarding the success of the election. Remains in effect until January 1, 2017.

STATUS 2/24/11

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

CACEO POSITION

Support

*SB 327
Com. on
E & C. A.
4/26/11

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. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 5/4/11

In Senate. Read second time. To Consent Calendar.

CACEO POSITION

Support

***SB 334**
DESAULNIER
4/26/11

ELECTIONS: STATEWIDE BALLOT PAMPHLET

Requires the Secretary of State to include in the ballot pamphlet a list of the 5 highest contributors of \$50,000 or more to each primarily formed committee supporting or opposing each state measure, as well as the total amount of their contributions, as of 110 days before election day or, if a special election is called on a date before election day for that special election so as to make compliance with the 110-day timeframe infeasible, as of a later date as feasible, based on the time requirements set forth by the Secretary of State for preparation of the ballot pamphlets for that special election. 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 5/16/11

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

No position

***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 5/16/11

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (letter of concern)

***SB 397**
YEE
4/27/11

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. Requires the Secretary of State, upon receiving notice of receipt of an electronic affidavit, to obtain an electronic copy of the affiant's signature from the Department of Motor Vehicles and to provide a copy of the county. 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 5/16/11

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Support

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 4/28/11

To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION

Support

***SB 448**
DESAULNIER/
HANCOCK
4/26/11

ELECTIONS

Requires an individual circulates an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear a badge stating, in no smaller than 30-point font print, whether he or she is a "paid signature gatherer" or a "volunteer 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 5/5/11

In Senate. Read second time. To third reading.

SB 528
WALTERS
3/22/11

CACEO POSITION

No position

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM: BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Provides for the appointment of 6 board members of the Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration by the Governor based on their demonstrated expertise in the financial and actuarial fields. Requires a special election called and consolidated with a statewide election in 2011 to ratify a change, amendment, or modification enacted by the Legislature.

STATUS 3/22/11

In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on Public Employment & Retirement.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

***SB 641
CALDERON
4/26/11**

VOTER REGISTRATION

Establishes conditional voter registration, using an affidavit of registration, whereby a person would be permitted to register to vote after the 15th day prior to an election or on election day, and cast a provisional ballot to be counted if the conditional voter registration is deemed effective, as specified. Requires the county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at its permanent offices, and permits the official to offer this registration and voting at satellite offices on election day, in accordance with specified procedures. Requires the county elections official to cancel, as specified, duplicate voter registrations that may arise due to conditional voter registration. Increases the fine for a felony to \$25,000 for conviction of a crime pertaining to an election for which no fine is prescribed, that a court may impose, in addition to any prescribed imprisonment. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 5/16/11

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

Watch (letter of concern)

**SB 782
DUTTON
2/18/11**

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Makes a nonsubstantive change to the provision of existing law that specifies the date for a presidential primary.

STATUS 3/10/11

To Senate Com. on RULES

CACEO POSITION

Watch

SB 802
RUNNER
2/18/11

ELECTIONS: VOTING

Requires that the identification envelope for returning a vote by mail ballot include the last four digits of the voter's driver's license or identification card number or, if the voter has neither, the last four digits of the voter's social security number and a security flap to conceal the voter's information during mailing. Requires the elections official to verify the accuracy of that information before counting the vote. Requires that a vote by mail ballot of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed outside of the United States be cast by election day and received by elections officials not later than 21 days after election day. Authorizes a person without proof of identity to vote a provisional ballot, under specified conditions. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to waive the fee for an identification card requested for satisfying the voter identification requirement. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 3/10/11

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

CACEO POSITION

Watch (letter of concern)

*SB 908
RUNNER
4/11/11

ELECTIONS: BALLOTS: SUBMISSION BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Permits a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or any auxiliary branch thereof, or his or her spouse or dependent, who is temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia, or is called for military services within the United States on or after the final date to make application for a vote by absent voter ballot, to return his or her ballot by electronic mail, as prescribed. Requires the ballot to be accompanied by a copy of an identification envelope and an oath of voter declaration in substantially the form described with respect to facsimile transmission of ballots. Requires the elections official to determine the voter's eligibility to vote by comparing the signature on the scanned copy of the identification envelope with the signature on the voter's affidavit of registration. Impose a state-mandated local program.

STATUS 5/3/11

From Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Do pass to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

**BILL NO./
AUTHOR**

SUMMARY

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