

### **BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST** 2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### SUMMARY March 26, 2015

### AB 44 Elections: Statewide Recounts

| AUTHOR:         | Mullin  |
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| INTRODUCED:     | 12/01/2014  |
| STATUS:         | 01/22/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position   |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires the Secretary of State to order an automatic manual recount of all votes cast for statewide office, the office of the President of the U.S., or a state ballot measure if the difference in the number of votes received is less than or equal to 0.1 percent. |

### AB 182 California Voting Rights Act of 2001

| AUTHOR:         | Alejo   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 01/26/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 02/02/2015 To Assembly Committees on E. & R. and Judiciary  |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position   |
| SUMMARY:        | Provides parallel provisions that prohibit the use of a district-based election<br>in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class to<br>elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an<br>election. Requires a court to implement specified remedies upon a finding<br>that such an election was imposed or applied in a manner that impaired the<br>ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice. |

### <u>AB 245</u> Elections: Penal Provisions

| AUTHOR:         | Lackey  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/09/2015  |
| AMENDED:        | 03/12/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/12/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Increases the maximum fine for violation of existing law that prohibits the<br>hiring of or arranging for a person in possession of a firearm, uniformed<br>peace officer, private guard, or security personnel to be stationed or posted<br>at a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate elections<br>official, as described. |

\* Denotes Status Update

\*\*Denotes New/Amended Bill \*\*\*Denotes an urgency or contingency bill

### \*<u>AB 254</u>

| Election Dates  |  |
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| AUTHOR:         | Hernandez  |
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/09/2015   |
| AMENDED         | 03/18/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/25/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass as amended to           |
|                 | Committee on Appropriations.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | No position  |
| SUMMARY:        | Eliminates the established election dates in March and April. Eliminates the   |
|                 | exceptions for elections held in a chartered city or chartered county and      |
|                 | school district elections consolidated with chartered city elections, thereby  |
|                 | requiring these elections to be held on an established election date, except   |
|                 | for certain special elections. Declares that increasing voter turnout at local |
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|                 | elections and promoting the fundamental right to vote are matters of           |
|                 | statewide concern.   |

## \*AB 277 California Voting Rights Act of 2001

| AUTHOR:         | Hernandez   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/11/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/25/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass as amended.  |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Amends the California Voting Rights Act of 2001's definition of political subdivision+ to expressly include a charter city, charter county, or charter city and county. Specifies that it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this bill to codify the holding of the state courts regarding the applicability of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 to charter cities. |

# \*<u>AB 278</u> District-Based Municipal Elections

| AUTHOR:         | Hernandez  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/11/2015   |
| AMENDED         | 03/18/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/25/2015 From Assembly Committee on E. & R.: Do pass as amended to   |
|                 | Committee on Local Government.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires the legislative body of a city with a population of 100,000 or more<br>to adopt an ordinance, without submitting the ordinance to the voters of the<br>city for approval, for the election of members of the legislative body by<br>district. Requires that the boundary lines of each district be adjusted in<br>accordance with specified provisions of existing law, except as otherwise<br>provided. Requires the legislative body to hold public hearings before and<br>after drawing a draft map of the proposed boundaries of the districts of the |

| AB 278 (continued): | legislative body, as specified. Requires the legislative body to take certain  |
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|                     | actions to encourage public participation in the drawing of the proposed boundaries and would require that the proposed boundaries satisfy |
|                     | specified criteria.  |

### AB 363 Closing of the Polls

| AUTHOR:         | Steinorth   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/17/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/02/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Authorizes a county elections official to account for ballots at the central counting place, to direct the precinct board to seal the ballots and to record certain information prior to the closing of the polls and to direct other elections officials to remove the sealed ballots prior to the closing of the polls and to deliver them to a receiving center or central counting place. |

AB 372 Elections: Write-In Candidates

| AUTHOR:         | Bigelow   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/17/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/02/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires write-in candidates for a voter-nominated office who advance to<br>the general election to pay the prescribed filing fee in order to appear on the<br>general election ballot. |

AB 391 Voter Registration: Conditional Registration

| AUTHOR:         | Gallagher   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/18/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/05/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires that a registrant provide proof of residence in order for a conditional voter registration to be deemed effective. Provides that if a conditional voter registration is not deemed effective, requires the elections official to process the affidavit of registration, and if all other eligibility requirements are met, requires the registration to be effective in forthcoming elections. |

## \*<u>AB 400</u> Department of Transportation: Changeable Message Signs

| AUTHOR:         | Alejo  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/19/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/28/2015 In Assembly. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to   |
|                 | Committee on Appropriations.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires the Department of Transportation, by June 30, 2016, to update its internal policies to allow displays of safety, transportation-related and voting-relating messages on changeable message signs. |

## AB 477 Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots

| AUTHOR:         | Mullin  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/23/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/05/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Prohibits the elections official from rejecting a vote by mail ballot, if an elections official determines that a voter has failed to sign the identification envelope, if the voter completes and submits a vote by mail ballot affidavit before 5 p.m. on the day before the election. Requires the elections official, to compare the voter's signature on the affidavit, and if the signatures compare to attach the affidavit to the identification envelope and deposit the ballot, still in the identification envelope, in a ballot container in his or her office. Requires that the identification envelope to not be opened and the ballot to not be counted if the elections official determines that the signatures do not compare. Requires the Secretary of State to include the vote by mail ballot affidavit and instructions on completing the affidavit, and certain contact information for all elections officials, on his or her Internet Web site. Requires an elections official to include the vote by mail ballot |

### AB 479 Elections: County Central Committees

| AUTHOR:         | Harper  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/23/2015  |
| STATUS:         | No action   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that authorizes a county central committee to be elected in each county at every presidential primary election. |

## AB 547 Elections: Special Elections: All-Mailed Ballot Elections

| AUTHOR:         | Gonzalez  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/23/2015  |
| AMENDED:        | 03/19/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/19/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Repeals the condition that the congressional or legislative district lie wholly<br>within San Diego County. Requires certain voter education workshops to be<br>conducted in-person. Authorizes all cities, regardless of population size,<br>counties, and cities and counties, to also conduct an all-mailed ballot<br>special election to fill a vacancy on the legislative or governing body of<br>those entities under the same conditions. Authorizes all-mailed ballot<br>special elections to be held for county initiatives, city initiatives, and district<br>initiatives conducted pursuant to specified provisions. Makes all of these<br>types of special elections subject to the same conditions that apply to the<br>San Diego County pilot program, as specified, except that the entity<br>conducting the special election would not be required to report certain<br>information to the Legislature and the Secretary of State regarding the<br>success of the election. |

### AB 554 Elections: Precinct Board Members

| AUTHOR:         | Mullin   |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/23/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/05/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.  |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support  |
| SUMMARY:        | Authorizes an elections official to appoint a pupil who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States, as defined in federal law, to serve as a precinct board member. |

| AB 562<br>Elections: Ballots |   |
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| AUTHOR:                      | Holden  |
| INTRODUCED:                  | 02/24/2015  |
| STATUS:                      | 03/09/2015 To Assembly Committee on E.& R.                                  |
| CACEO POSITION:              | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:                     | Requires the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to be listed on |
|                              | the ballot under the heading, STATE. Removes other instructions relating to |
|                              | the placement of this office on the ballot.                                 |

## \*\*<u>AB 630</u> Local Government: Counties: Board of Supervisors

| AUTHOR:         | Linder   |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/24/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/26/2015 To Assembly Committee on Local Government.  |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Make nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires each county to have a board of supervisors consisting of 5 members and requires that no more than 3 members be elected at the same general election. |

\*\*AB 683 Online Ballot Materials: Accessibility

| AUTHOR:         | Low  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/25/2015   |
| AMENDED         | 03/24/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/26/2015 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Rules.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires the Visually Impaired Voter Assistance Board to make additional recommendations to the Secretary of State for improving the accessibility of election materials made available over the Internet, as specified. Requires the elections materials made available over the Internet to conform to certain standards and guidelines, as specified. |

## AB 786 National Voter Registration Act of 1993

| AUTHOR:         | Levine  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/25/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/12/2015 To Assembly Committees on E. & R. and Transportation   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Prohibits a county from canceling the prior registration of a voter upon<br>notification by the Department of Motor Vehicles that the voter had moved<br>to a different county, except at the voter's request, until the voter is<br>registered to vote in the county to which he or she has moved. |

### AB 809 Election Dates

| AUTHOR:         | Obernolte   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/26/2015  |
| STATUS:         | No action   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that generally    |
|                 | requires that an election for a county, municipal, or district initiative |

| AB 809 (continued) | measure that qualifies for the local ballot pursuant to specified procedures<br>be held not less than 88 nor more than 103 days after the date of the order<br>of election. |
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# \*\*<u>AB 887</u> Primary Election Nominations: Judicial Officers

| AUTHOR:         | Ting   |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/26/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/26/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.                              |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that establishes |
|                 | the procedures by which candidates for judicial office are nominated.    |

## AB 971 Payment of Expenses

| AUTHOR:         | Chang  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/26/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/16/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.                              |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires expenses authorized and necessarily incurred to prepare for and |
|                 | conduct certain vacancy elections to be paid by the state.               |

## AB 1020 Elections: Voter Registration

| AUTHOR:         | Ridley-Thomas  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/26/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/19/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.                              |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires that the former address be maintained with the voter record and |
|                 | the registration be updated.   |

# AB 1026 Secretary of State: Elections: Voter Turnout

| AUTHOR:         | Garcia  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/26/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/19/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires the Secretary of State to meet with local registrars of voters, community groups, and other persons as determined by the Secretary of State to develop strategies for improving Californiacs voter turnout. Requires the Secretary of State to present findings to specified committees of the Legislature no later than July 1, 2016. Repeals these provisions on |

## AB 1143 Elections: Voter Registration Agencies

| AUTHOR:         | Hadley  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/19/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.                             |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires the Franchise Tax Board to send a voter registration card to a |
|                 | taxpayer whose annual income tax return indicates a change of address   |
|                 | from the prior year.  |

### AB 1263 Election Day Procedures: Privileges of Voters

| AUTHOR:         | Mullin  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |
| STATUS:         | No action   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law that<br>allows a voter, without loss of pay, to take off enough working time that,<br>when added to the voting time available outside of working hours, will<br>enable the voter to vote if he or she does not have sufficient time outside of<br>working hours to vote at a statewide election, and provides that no more<br>than two hours of the time taken off for voting shall be without loss of pay. |

## \*<u>AB 1271</u> Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots

| AUTHOR:         | Grove   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/23/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Provides that a vote by mail ballot is timely cast if it is received by the voters' elections official via the United States Postal Service no later than 3 days after election day and the ballot is postmarked on or before election day. |

### AB 1273 Election: Fraud

| AUTHOR:         | Linder   |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015   |
| STATUS:         | No action  |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law which makes it<br>a crime for a person to commit or aid in fraud regarding the casting of a<br>ballot in an election. |

\*AB 1296 Elections: Initiative and Referendum Measures

| AUTHOR:         | Jones  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/23/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.  |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Relates to initiative and referendum. Requires an elections official to<br>immediately place an initiative measure on the election ballot for which it<br>qualifies if the official finds the petition to be sufficient, and if more than one<br>election date is legally possible, the official would be required to place the<br>measure on the ballot for the earliest legally possible date. Provides that<br>this procedure would apply to municipal, county, and district initiative<br>measures, including city and city and county charter proposals, and to<br>municipal referendum measures. |

\*<u>AB 1301</u> Voting Rights Preclearance

| AUTHOR:         | Jones-Sawyer  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/23/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Establishes a state preclearance system whereby if a political subdivision<br>enacts or seeks to administer a voting-related law, regulation, or policy, as<br>specified, that is different from that in force or effect on the date this act is<br>enacted, the governing body of the political subdivision would be required to<br>submit the law, regulation, or policy to the Secretary of State for approval.<br>Requires the Secretary of State to approve the law, regulation, or policy<br>only if specified conditions are met, and provides that the law, regulation, or<br>policy shall not take effect or be administered in the political subdivision<br>until the law, regulation, or policy is approved by the Secretary of State,<br>except as specified. |

## AB 1414 Voter Registration: Requirements

| AUTHOR:         | Grove  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015   |
| STATUS:         | No action  |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing laws that set forth procedures   |
|                 | for registering to vote and processing voter registration information and<br>requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations that prescribe the form<br>of the voter's affidavit of registration. |

# AB 1443 Voting Rights: Language Assistance

| AUTHOR:         | Garcia   |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015   |
| STATUS:         | No action  |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires the Secretary of State to notify a county elections official at least |
|                 | 24 months before the Secretary will begin making a determination whether       |
|                 | it is appropriate to post election materials in Spanish or other languages.    |

### <u>AB 1457</u> Petition Circulator: Certification

| AUTHOR:         | Obernolte   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |
| STATUS:         | No action   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law that requires a petition circulator, prior to soliciting signatures on an initiative petition, to execute and submit to the person, company official, or other organizational officer who is in charge of signature gathering a signed statement, and requires the person, company official, or other organizational officer who is in charge athering for the proposed initiative measure to keep the certification on file for not less than eight months after the certification of the results of the election for which the measure qualified, or if the measure, for any reason, is not submitted to the voters, eight months after the deadline for submission of the petition to the elections official. |

## AB 1458 Secretary of State: Elections: Voter Turnout

| AUTHOR:         | Obernolte   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |
| STATUS:         | No action   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law requiring a county elections official to conduct a preelection residency confirmation procedure and authorizes a county elections official to contract with a consumer credit reporting agency or its licensees to obtain use of change-of-address data in lieu of mailing a residency confirmation postcard pursuant to the preelection residency confirmation procedure. |

## AB 1461 Early Voting

| AUTHOR:         | Gonzalez  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |
| STATUS:         | No action   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation allowing |
|                 | in-person voting at county offices before the day of the election.              |

### AB 1477 Elections: Vote By Mail Ballots

| AUTHOR:         | Burke   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |
| STATUS:         | No action   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires that the vote by mail ballot be available to any registered voter and requires an application for a vote by mail voter's ballot to be made in writing to the elections official having jurisdiction over the election between the 29 <sup>th</sup> and the 7 <sup>th</sup> day before the election, and any applications received by the elections official before the 29 <sup>th</sup> day to be kept and processed during the application period. |

### \*\*<u>AB 1535</u> Elections: Petitions

| AUTHOR:         | Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 03/25/2015  |
| STATUS:         | No action   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Amends existing law authorizing a voter who has signed an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to remove his or her name by filing a written request with the appropriate county elections official prior to the day the petition is filed. Requires the written request filed with the elections official to include the voter's name, residence address, and signature. |

| ** <u>AB 1536</u><br>Elections |  |
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| AUTHOR:                        | Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee                         |
| INTRODUCED:                    | 03/25/2015   |
| STATUS:                        | No action  |
| CACEO POSITION:                | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:                       | Makes nonsubstantive, technical updates to the provisions referencing  |
|                                | federal law to reflect a recent reclassification of federal law. Makes |
|                                | additional nonsubstantive, technical changes to these provisions.      |

| ACA 2<br>Elections: Voting Age |  |
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| AUTHOR:                        | Mullin   |
| INTRODUCED:                    | 02/24/2015   |
| STATUS:                        | 03/02/2015 To Assembly Committee on E. & R.  |
| CACEO POSITION:                | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:                       | Authorizes a United States citizen who is 17 years of age, is a resident of<br>the state, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next general<br>election to vote in any intervening primary or special election that occurs<br>before the next general election. |

## <u>SB 129</u> Online Voter Registration

| AUTHOR:         | Anderson   |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 01/21/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 02/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules  |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that is operative<br>when the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a statewide voter<br>registration database that complies with the requirements of the federal |

| SB 129 (continued) | Help America Vote Act of 2002 or executes a declaration stating that certain |
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|                    | conditions have occurred.  |

# <u>SB 163</u> Elections: Vote by Mail Ballot

| AUTHOR:         | Hertzberg  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/04/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 02/19/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires county elections officials to issue a vote by mail ballot to every registered voter in the county for statewide primary, special and general elections. |

## SB 169 Elections: Polling Places

| AUTHOR:         | Gaines   |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/05/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 02/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules  |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that prohibits a place where the primary purpose of the establishment is the sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages from being used as a polling place. |

### \*<u>SB 365</u> Vote By Mail Ballot Drop Boxes

| AUTHOR:         | Pavley  |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/24/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 04/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.  |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |
| SUMMARY:        | Permits a Vote by Mail voter to return his or her voted vote by mail ballot to<br>the elections official from whom it came at a vote by mail ballot drop-off<br>location. Requires the Secretary of State to promulgate regulations<br>establishing best practices for security measures and procedures that a<br>county elections official may use if the county elections official establishes<br>one or more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations and vote by mail ballot<br>drop boxes. |

### \*<u>SB 366</u> Ballot Materials: Translations

| AUTHOR:         | Nguyen   |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/24/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 04/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support  |
| SUMMARY:        | Amends an existing law which requires that each translation of a ballot<br>measure and ballot instructions posted at a polling place be provided by a<br>person selected by an elections official from the list of approved translators<br>and interpreters and expands the group of acceptable translators for<br>purposes of those provisions to include persons on the Judicial council's<br>Master List, persons qualified by the Administrative Office of the United<br>States Courts and persons from certain accredited institution by a regional<br>or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of<br>Education, and members of certain professional organizations. |

### <u>SB 415</u> Local Election Dates

| AUTHOR:         | Hueso   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/25/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would prohibit a political subdivision from holding an election on a date other than the date of a statewide direct primary election or statewide general election if doing so would result in a significant decrease in voter turnout as compared to the voter turnout at a statewide election. |

## \*<u>SB 417</u> Elections: Election Day Procedures

| AUTHOR:         | Stone  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/25/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 04/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Authorizes the precinct board of a county with a geographic area of at least 2500 square miles to remove the ballot container or containers from the polling place while the polls remain open only to facilitate the early delivery of ballots to the receiving centers or central counting places. Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations for the secure delivery and transfer of the ballots to the receiving center or central counting place. |

### <u>SB 437</u> California Voting Rights Act of 2001

| AUTHOR:         | Block   |
|-----------------|---|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/25/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/05/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that ensures that elections held in the state comply with the requirements of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 which prohibits the use of an at-large election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election. |

### <u>SB 439</u> Conditional Voter Registration

| AUTHOR:         | Allen  |
|-----------------|--|
| INTRODUCED:     | 02/25/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/05/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.                                   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Support  |
| SUMMARY:        | Allows a county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and |
|                 | provisional voting at satellite offices other than on election day.            |

### <u>SB 450</u>

Elections: Sample Ballots

| AUTHOR:         | Allen   |
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| INTRODUCED:     | 02/25/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/05/2015 To Senate Committee on E. & C. A.  |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Requires the application for a vote by mail ballot that is included with the sample ballot to include a space for the voter to apply for permanent vote by mail status. |

## \*\*SB 493 Elections In Cities: By or From Districts

| AUTHOR:         | Cannella  |
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| INTRODUCED:     | 02/26/2015  |
| STATUS:         | 03/12/2015 To Senate Committee on Governance and Finance.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch   |
| SUMMARY:        | Authorizes the legislative body of a general law city to amend an ordinance<br>providing for the election of members of the legislative body from district to<br>provide for the election of members of the legislative body by district without<br>submitting the amendment to the registered voters for approval. Prohibits<br>the amendment of the ordinance from changing whether the general law |

<u>SB 505</u> Provisional Voting

| AUTHOR:         | Mendoza  |
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| INTRODUCED:     | 02/26/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/12/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules  |
| CACEO POSITION: | Watch  |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law that allows a voter to cast a provisional ballot, and existing law that requires that statutes relating to provisional voting be liberally construed in favor of the voter. |

### \*<u>SB 589</u> Conservatorships

| AUTHOR:         | Block  |
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| INTRODUCED:     | 02/26/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 04/07/2015 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Committee on E. & C. A.   |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Specifies that the court investigator is required to determine whether the   |
|                 | proposed conservatee is not capable of completing an affidavit of voter registration with or without appropriate assistance. |

## <u>SB 611</u> Initiative and Referendum Petitions: Circulation

| AUTHOR:         | Lara   |
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| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 03/12/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules  |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that authorizes a person who is a registered voter or who is qualified to register to vote in this state to circulate an initiative or referendum petition anywhere within the state. |

<u>SB 784</u> Provisional Ballots

| AUTHOR:         | Allen   |  |
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| INTRODUCED:     | 02/27/2015  |  |
| STATUS:         | 03/19/2015 To Senate Committee on Rules   |  |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed   |  |
| SUMMARY:        | Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that provides that<br>a voter is entitled to cast a provisional ballot if his or her qualification or |  |
|                 | entitlement to vote cannot be immediately established, and if a precinct  |  |

| SB 784 (continued)                     | board is unable to find a voteros name on the index of registration on the   |  |
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|  | day of an elections, the precinct board is required to inform the voter that he<br>or she may cast a provisional ballot and, if the voter elects to do so, furnish |  |
| the voter with the provisional ballot. |  |  |

### \*\*<u>HR 411</u> Help America Vote Act

| AUTHOR:         | Cohen  |
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| INTRODUCED:     | 01/20/2015   |
| STATUS:         | 01/20/2015 To House Committee on House Administration  |
| CACEO POSITION: | To be discussed  |
| SUMMARY:        | Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote early voting in elections for federal office and to prevent unreasonable waiting times for |
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|                 | voters at polling places used in such elections.   |

| ASSEMBLY BILLS | 38 |
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| SENATE BILLS   | 15 |
| FEDERAL BILLS  | 1  |
| TOTAL          | 54 |