



BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST 2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SUMMARY

BILL NO./ AUTHOR

AB 71 LOBBYISTS: ONLINE DIRECTORY

HUBER Requires the online directory maintained by the Secretary of State to 6/23/11 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 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 reported, accompanied by a list of all lobbyist employer's who reported each of those lobbying interests for the prior calendar quarter.

<u>STATUS</u>

5/31/11 Passed Assembly. 8/15/11 In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 346 ATKINS

6/15/11

B 346 POLLING PLACES: HIGHER EDUCATION CAMPUSES

Requires that state elections conducted by a county or a city and county, the county or city and county elections official shall establish at least one polling place with the county's or city and county's electoral jurisdiction on a higher education campus, except a county elective official of a county or city and county that does not have a higher education campus within its jurisdiction or a population of fewer than 150,000 people. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS

5/16/11 Passed Assembly. 7/5/11 In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Not heard.

CACEO POSITION Letter of Concern (3/4 Am) BILL NO./ AUTHOR

SUMMARY

AB 477 <u>ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</u>

PETITIONS: SIGNATURE GATHERERS

VALADAO Requires that vote by mail ballots of special absentee voters, as 4/5/11 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.

<u>STATUS</u>

5/2/11 Passed Assembly. 8/25/11 In Senate Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION

Oppose (Am. 5/6)

AB 481 GORDON

4/5/11

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

5/12/11 Passed Assembly. 6/27/11 In Senate. From third reading. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION No position (3/4 Am)

AB 781 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: COUNTIES: UNINCORPORATED AREAS PEREZ Provides for, the creation of a community services district in an unincorporated area of a county under certain conditions. Requires a local agency formation commission to, commence related oversight. Specifies the planning and land use requirements regarding a disincorporated city. Becomes operative only if AB 46 of the 2011-12 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted and takes effect.

<u>STATUS</u>

5/19/11 Passed Assembly. 8/29/11 In Senate. From third reading. To Inactive File.

CACEO POSITION No position

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

5/19/11 Passed Assembly. 6/21/11 In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.: Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION Support

AB 906 PROTECTION OF VICTIMS AND MURDER WITNESSES: ADDRESS GALGIANI CONFIDENTIALITY

8/29/11 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 or has been subpoenaed to testify in a murder trial as specified. Imposes a state-mandated local program.

STATUS

6/2/11 Passed Assembly. 8/29/11 In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on Appr.

CACEO POSITION Watch (3/4 Am)

BILL NO./ AUTHOR	SUMMARY
AB 1200 MA 2/28/12	ELECTIONS: CENTRAL COMMITTEES Prescribes the procedures relating to county central committees for the Democratic, Republican, and American Independent parties to include the taking a subscribing to an oath or affirmation by members, the procedures for the election of committee members in specified counties within the state, and the meetings of county central committees of the American Independent Party. Provides that, for the June 5, 2012, statewide primary election for the Democratic Party, in the County of Sacramento, and for the Democratic and Republican Party, in the City and County of San Francisco, signers of nomination papers for candidates for county central committee shall be limited to voters who

disclosed a preference for the respective parties and who are residents of the respective counties. Require the committee to meet at its county seat, upon call, which shall be given by the chairperson of the county central committee or the immediate predecessor of the chairperson. (Urgency)

STATUS 3/8/12

Chapter 8, 2012 Statues.

CACEO POSITION Watch

AB 1201 **VOTER REGISTRATION**

FONG Requires a county elections official who receives an affidavit of 3/31/11 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

5/19/11 Passed Assembly. 6/2/11 To Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION No position

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AUTHOR

SUMMARY

AB 1413 **ELECTIONS: VOTER NOMINATED PRIMARY ELECTION**

FONG Revises existing provisions to reflect the "voter-nominated primary 2/10/12 election" process. Prescribes the procedures applicable in the case of a tie in the primary election for voter-nominated offices. Requires that a statement of write-in candidacy for a voter-nominated office also include a certification of the candidate's complete voter registration and party affiliation or preference history for the preceding 10 years, or for as long as he or she has been eligible to vote in the state if less than 10 years. Requires the name of a candidate who dies but is otherwise entitled to appear on the general election ballot to appear on the ballot, and that the votes cast for the deceased candidate be counted in determining the results of the election for that office.

> **STATUS 2/10/12** Chapter 3, 2012 Statutes.

CACEO POSITION Support

*AB 1436 **VOTER REGISTRATION**

FEUER Establishes conditional voter registration, using an affidavit of registration, whereby a person would be permitted to register to vote 3/20/12 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. Provides that a conditional voter registration shall be deemed effective only if the county elections official is able to determine before or during the canvass period for the election that the registrant is eligible to register to vote and that the registrant has provided a form of identification that matches specified state or federal databases. Requires the county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at its permanent offices, and would permit 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.

STATUS 3/27/12

From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Do pass to Com. on Appr. (4-2)

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

BILL NO./ SUMMARY AUTHOR *AB 1509 STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

HAYASHI 1/12/12 Requires a city or county clerk who maintains an Internet Web site to post a notification on that Web site that identifies the elected officers who file statements of economic interests with that city or county clerk. Requires the notification to include a statement that includes a copy of a statement of economic interests. Requires that the notification include a link to the commission's Web site and a statement that certain statements of economic interests may be available in an electronic form.

STATUS 3/27/12

From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Do pass to Com. on Local Government (6-0)

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

AB 1626 ELECTION MATERIALS: PUBLIC EXAMINATION: WRIT OF MANDATE

YAMADA Permits any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, 2/9/12 during that 10 calendar day public examination period, to seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring the amendment or deletion of an injunction of any or all election materials. Authorizes the elections official to seek the writ of mandate or injunction in the context of a district or school district election.

> STATUS 5/1/12 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

AB 1716 ELECTIONS: VOTER IDENTIFICATION

GARRICK 2/16/12 Requires that the vote by mail identification envelope include the last 4 digits of the voter's California driver's license number or California identification card number or, if the voter does not possess either of those types of identification, the last 4 digits of the voter's social security number. Requires that the voter's signature and numeric identifying information be verified as being consistent with the voter's state or federal records.

STATUS 4/17/12

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

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

BILL NO./ AUTHOR	SUMMARY
*AB 1724 FONG 3/29/12	ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL VOTING Deletes existing provisions permitting a voter to remain for a longer period of time if no other voter would be inconvenienced and would, instead, permit a voter to remain for longer than 10 minutes if the voter informs a precinct board member that the voter requires additional time to mark his or her ballot. Repeals existing provisions that limit a voter to 5 minutes in a voting booth or compartment while marking his or her ballot using a voting machine.

STATUS 5/1/12

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

*AB 1805 **MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS**

HUFFMAN Amends existing law that regulates the voting procedures for special absentee voters, replacing the term "special absentee voter" with the 2/21/12 term "military or overseas voter." Prescribes the voting procedures for citizens of the United States living outside of the territorial limits of the United States in federal elections to military or overseas voters in all elections. Requires voting materials to be electronically transmitted to a military or overseas voter.

STATUS 3/27/12 From Assembly Com. on E. & R. : Do pass as amended to Com on Veterans Affairs. (4-0)

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

*AB 1814 **VOTING RIGHTS: LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE**

Revises the language assistance recruitment provisions to apply to ENG 2/21/12 precincts in which the precinct board is required to post translated facsimile ballots. Requires a county to submit a specified report to the Secretary of State describing the county's plan for compliance with state and federal laws enacted to assist voters with limited English proficiency. Requires a county elections official to evaluate complaints filed against precinct board members.

STATUS 3/27/12

From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Do pass to Com. on Appr. (4-2)

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

BILL NO./ AUTHOR	SUMMARY
AB 1851 ALLEN 2/22/12	<u>COUNTY INITIATIVE PETITIONS</u> Requires a county elections official to retain at his or her office certain materials a proponent is required to file and to furnish a copy of those materials to any person upon request, during the period an initiative petition is circulated for signatures.
	<u>STATUS 4/17/12</u> Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.
	CACEO POSITION To be discussed
AB 1929 COOK 2/22/12	ELECTIONS: CASTING BALLOTS Provides that casting a ballot for purposes of the definition of a voting system does not include the physical or electronic marking of a ballot, and is limited to the act of a voter submitting his or her marked ballot for tabulation at a polling place, through the mail, or, for special absentee voters, by facsimile transmission.
	STATUS 5/1/12 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.
	CACEO POSITION To be discussed
*AB 1979 HERNANDEZ 3/29/12	DISTRICT-BASED LOCAL ELECTIONS Provides that if the governing body of a county or city determines that an at-large method of election would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the

class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, the governing body shall order that a districtbased method of election be imposed for the election of the member of the board of supervisors or city council.

STATUS 4/17/12 Scheduled to be heard in Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

BILL NO./ AUTHOR	SUMMARY
AB 2062 DAVIS 2/23/12	STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: ELECTRONIC FILING Authorizes all agencies to permit the electronic filing of a statement of economic interests. Authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to conduct discretionary audits of an agency's electronic filing system. Authorizes a city or county that developed an electronic filing system pursuant to a pilot program to continue to use that system. (Urgency)
	<u>STATUS 4/17/12</u> Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.
	CACEO POSITION To be discussed
*AB 2080	RECALL ELECTIONS: STATE OFFICERS: SIGNATURE VERIFICATION

GORDONProvides for recall elections that if 500 or more signatures are
submitted to the elections official, the elections official may verity,
using a random sampling technique, either 3 percent of the signatures
submitted or 500 signatures, whichever is greater.

<u>STATUS 3/27/12</u>

From Assembly Com. on E. & R. : Do pass to Committee on Appr. (4-2)

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

AB 2191 COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES

NORBY Requires elected officers, candidates for elective office and committees 2/23/12 to prepare and file various campaign finance reports. Revises the definition of elective office to exclude membership on a county central committee of a qualified political party. Prohibits a local government agency from imposing filing requirements on elected members of, or candidates for election to, a county central committee of a qualified political party.

> STATUS 4/17/12 Scheduled to be heard in Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

BILL NO./ AUTHOR	SUMMARY
*AB 2220 GATTO 2/24/12	<u>ELECTIONS: STATEWIDE BALLOT PAMPHLET</u> Requires, if a fiscal analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst determines that a measure would provide an increase in revenues to fund new or existing programs, the specified language be added at the end of the yes and no summary statement in the ballot pamphlet advising that, unless changed by a future measure approved by the voters, the initiative would forever dedicate the revenue it generates to programs identified in the initiative by its backers.
	<u>STATUS 3/27/12</u> From Assembly Com. on E. & R.: Do pass to Com. on Appr. (4-2)
	<u>CACEO POSITION</u> To be discussed

AB 2294 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

FLETCHER Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which 2/24/12 authorizes a person who is a registered voter or who is qualified to register to vote in this state to circulate and initiative or referendum petition anywhere within the state.

> STATUS 2/24/12 Introduced

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

*AB 2299 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS

FEUER Authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to establish a program 2/24/12 that requires the names of public safety officials to be redacted from any property record of principal residence that is disclosed to the public by that county. Prescribes the requirements that would apply to the sale of aggregate data.

> <u>STATUS 3/19/12</u> To Assembly Com. on Local Government.

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

BILL NO./ SUMMARY AUTHOR LEGALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE: FELONY CONVICTION AB 2410 FUENTES Provides that a person is not a legally qualified candidate for, and may 2/24/12 not assume, any elective public office in this state if the person has been convicted in this state of a felony, or has been convicted under the laws of any other state, the United States, or any foreign government or country of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a felony, and has not been pardoned by the Governor of this state, the governor or other officer authorized to grant pardons in another state, the President of the United States, or the officer of the foreign government or country authorized to grant pardons in that foreign jurisdiction.

STATUS 5/1/12

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

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

AB 2452 ONLINE DISCLOSURE

AMMIANO 2/24/12 Authorizes a local government agency to require an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file specified statements, reports, or other documents to file those statements, reports, or other documents online or electronically with a local filing officer. Prescribes criteria that must be satisfied by a local government agency that requires online or electronic filing of statements, reports, or other documents, as specified, including, among others, that the system be available free of charge to filers and to the public for viewing filings, and that the system include a procedure for filers to comply with the requirement that they sign statements and reports under penalty of perjury.

<u>STATUS 5/1/12</u>

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

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

SUMMARY

BILL NO./ AUTHOR

*AB 2479 VOTER REGISTRATION: PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

DONNELLY Requires a person registering to vote to prove citizenship by presenting 2/24/12 a birth certificate, passport, naturalization documents or proof established pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, or Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number.

STATUS 4/17/12

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

ACA 9 INITIATIVE MEASURES: SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENT

GATTO Requires that an initiative measure that would increase the vote 12/9/10 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.

> <u>STATUS 4/14/11</u> To Assembly Com. on E. & R.

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

ACA 10 INITIATIVES

GATTO 12/9/10 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

BILL NO./ AUTHOR

SUMMARY

ACA 11 INITIATIVES: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: VOTER APPROVAL

GATTO Provides that electors may amend the Constitution by an initiative 5/23/11 measure approved by a minimum of 55 percent of the votes cast, or as specified. Permits the electors to repeal a previously adopted initiative or legislative amendment to the Constitution, including subsequent amendments, by an initiative measure passed by a majority vote.

STATUS 5/27/11

In Assembly Com. on Appr: Held in committee.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SB 641 VOTER REGISTRATION

CALDERON 5/31/11 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 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

6/1/11 Passed Senate. 8/25/11 In Assembly Com. on Appr.: Held in Com.

CACEO POSITION Oppose

BILL NO./ AUTHOR	SUMMARY
SB 908 RUNNER 5/10/11	<u>ELECTIONS: BALLOTS: SUBMISSION BY ELECTRONIC MAIL</u> Permits a special absentee voter 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. Impose a state-mandated local

STATUS

program.

5/31/11 Passed Senate. 7/5/11 In Assembly Com. on E. & R: Reconsideration granted.

CACEO POSITION Support

SB 1083 ELECTIONS: VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING

LA MALFA Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that provides that 2/14/12 specified persons may observe and challenge the manner in which vote by mail ballots are handled and processed by county elections officials.

> <u>STATUS 3/1/12</u> To Senate Com. on Rules.

CACEO POSITION Support

*SB 1181 NATURAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLANS

HARMAN Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Natural Community 2/22/12 Conservation Planning Act authorizing the Department of Fish and Game, at the time of approval of a natural community conservation plan, to authorize by permit the taking of any covered species the conservation and management of which is provided for in a natural community conservation plan approved by the department.

STATUS 3/1/12

To Senate Com. on Rules.

CACEO POSITION Support

BILL NO./ AUTHOR

SB 1188

Com. on

RECLAMATION DISTRICTS AND COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS: ELECTION PROCEDURES

E. & C. A. Makes corrections to erroneous cross references within existing law that authorize reclamation districts and county waterworks districts to conduct elections by all-mailed ballots according to establishes mailed ballot election dates.

STATUS 3/1/12 In Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION Support

*SB 1272 POLITICAL PARTY ORGANIZATION: COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

KEHOE Deletes a requirement that county central committee members be 2/23/12 elected at every statewide direct primary election. Permits those members to be elected at every presidential primary election. Provides that a county central committee of any of the specified political parties may select its members at any time by holding a caucus or convention or by using any other method of selection approved by the committee.

STATUS 4/19/12

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

SB 1275 VACANCIES IN OFFICE: SPECIAL ELECTIONS

LIEU Requires that a special general election to fill a vacancy in the office of 2/23/12 a Representative in Congress or either house of Legislature, occur at least a specified number of days after the issuance of an election proclamation. Revises the deadlines relating to the filing of nomination papers for a candidate in a special primary election.

STATUS 4/19/12

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

BILL NO./ AUTHOR	SUMMARY
*SB 1296 FULLER 2/23/12	ELECTIONS: BALLOT TITLES Requires the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Attorney General, to prepare the ballot title and summary for all measures submitted to the voters of the state and would require the Legislative Analyst, instead of the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, to prepare any fiscal estimate or opinion required by a proposed initiative measure. Revises deadlines applicable to the preparation of a title and summary and a fiscal estimate or opinion. Becomes operative upon the approval by the voters of SCA 19 of the 2011-12 Regular Session.

STATUS 4/19/12

Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

*SB 1346 ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES: BALLOT CONTAINERS

NEGRETE Allows the county elections official for a county of greater than 5,000 MC LEOD square miles to direct that ballot containers be sealed prior to the 2/24/12 closing of the polls, as specified, and directs a ballot security team to remove from a polling place and the presence of any bystanders prior to the closing of the polls a sealed ballot container of voted untallied ballots.

> STATUS 4/19/12 Scheduled to be heard in Senate Com. on E. & C. A.

CACEO POSITION To be discussed

*SCA 19 <u>ELECTIONS: INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA</u>

FULLER Requires that an initiative or referendum petition be submitted to the 2/23/12 Legislative Analyst instead of the Attorney General, and would transfer from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst the duty of preparing the title and summary for a proposed initiative or referendum. Requires the Legislative Analyst to prepare the official ballot label, and the official ballot title and summary for the ballot pamphlet.

<u>STATUS 3/22/12</u>

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

CACEO POSITION

To be discussed

BILL NO./ AUTHOR		
Assembly Bills	32	
Senate Bills	9	
Total	41	

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