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Legislative Bill Summary



INTRODUCTION

This publication provides a comprehensive summary of the bills and measures relevant to the work of the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee. It includes measures the committee considered in the 2025 Regular Legislative Session, as well as measures not referred to the committee, but that have substantial effects on elections.

Each measure includes a link to the California Legislative Information website, plus a summary and its current status.

Measures listed with the status “In Committee” are pending action in the respective committee. Measures listed with the status “Assembly/Senate Floor” are awaiting action on the respective floor. Measures listed with the status “Ordered to inactive file” are awaiting action on the respective floor. Measures listed with the status “Held on suspense” did not pass out of the Appropriations Committee of the respective house. Measures listed with the status “Held without recommendation” did not receive a motion to be voted on during the committee hearing. Measures listed with the status “Granted reconsideration” are awaiting action in the respective committee. Measures listed with the status “Not granted reconsideration” are no longer moving through the legislative process. Measures passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor include the chapter number. Vetoed measures include the Governor’s veto message.

In general, chaptered legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2026. Bills that contain an urgency clause took effect immediately upon the Governor’s signature.

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ABBREVIATIONS

The committee uses the following abbreviations throughout this summary:

CRC – Citizens Redistricting Commission
CVR – Conditional Voter Registration
FPPC – Fair Political Practices Commission
PRA – Political Reform Act
SOS – Secretary of State
VCA – Voter’s Choice Act
VIG – Voter Information Guide
VBM – Vote by Mail

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SUMMARIES

Ballot Labels

AB 596 (Ortega) – Elections: ballot disclosures.

This bill requires that the ballot for a statewide initiative or referendum include, in addition to the title, summary, fiscal impact, and lists of supporters and opponents, a list of the top three contributors of more than \$100,000 to campaign committees that paid to circulate petitions to qualify the initiative or referendum for the ballot.

Status: Assembly refused to concur in Senate amendments.

AB 699 (Stefani) – Elections: local tax measures.

This bill allows a local jurisdiction when submitting a local ballot measure for certain tax or bond measures to choose how specific information will appear on the ballot label either with a statement directing voters to the county voter information guide or providing the information directly on the ballot label.

Status: Vetoes

Governor's Veto Message:

I am returning Assembly Bill 699 without my signature.

This bill would allow a local elections official to include on the ballot label, for certain local tax or bond measures, a statement directing voters to the county voter information guide for required tax rate information in lieu of providing the information directly on the ballot label.

While I appreciate the author's intent to provide local agencies with the flexibility to select an alternative tax rate disclosure option, I am concerned that this bill, as drafted, will reduce transparency for local tax and bond measures.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

AB 1188 (Ortega) – Elections: statewide initiative and referendum petitions: disclosures.

This bill requires a ballot to contain detailed information about the contributors to campaign committees formed to support or oppose statewide initiatives and referenda.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 1512 (Committee on Elections) – Elections: ballot language.

This bill conforms how ballots present voting options on local measures to the requirements of the California Elections Code.

Status: Chapter 303, Statutes of 2025

Ballot Processing

SB 3 (Cervantes) – Elections: signature verification and results.

This bill modifies the signature curing process for VBM ballots, including how signatures are submitted, reviewed, and updated. This bill also requires election officials to post updated election results at least twice per week.

Status: Chapter 307, Statutes of 2025

SB 406 (Choi) – Elections: ballot submission deadline.

This bill requires VBM ballots to be returned to the elections official by the close of the polls on Election Day, unless certain conditions are met.

Status: Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee – Held without recommendation

SB 407 (Choi) – Elections: official canvass.

This bill requires election officials to certify election results within 10 days of an election. This bill also requires the SOS to prepare, certify, and file a statement of the vote of an election two days after receiving the election results from all county election officials.

Status: Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee – Held without recommendation

AB 5 (Berman) – Elections: official canvas.

This bill requires election officials to finish counting all ballots and release the results of those ballots by the 13th day following Election Day, except for ballots needing to be duplicated, VBM ballots forwarded from a county to county of origin, VBM ballots with an issue with the voter's signature, provisional ballots, ballots cast by a person who votes through conditional voter registration, and ballots received by an elections official after the fourth day following Election Day.

Status: Chapter 250, Statutes of 2025

AB 16 (Alanis) – Vote by mail ballots: processing.

This bill permits election officials to begin processing VBM return envelopes and VBM ballots on the day VBM ballots are mailed.

Status: Chapter 140, Statutes of 2025

AB 827 (Berman) – Voting: signature verification.

This bill modifies the procedures and deadlines for mitigating issues arising from a missing or a noncomparing signature on a VBM ballot envelope. This includes, among other provisions, standardizing the deadlines when election officials must notify voters of a signature issue on a VBM ballot envelope and when voters must return a signature cure form.

Status: Chapter 279, Statutes of 2025

Election Administration

SB 249 (Umberg) – County boards of education: elections: consolidation.

This bill requires, beginning in 2026, that elections for members of county boards of education occur as part of the statewide general election in November of even numbered years.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

SB 270 (Ochoa Bogh) – Recall elections: notice of intention.

This bill requires that (1) a notice of intention to recall an officer that is published publicly in a newspaper of general circulation omit the proponents' signatures and street numbers and street names of their residence; (2) an elections official or the SOS redact any signatures and street numbers and street names of a residence address of a proponent before making the notice of intention available to the public under the California Public Records Act; (3) in communities without a newspaper of general circulation, the notice of intention be electronically posted on three websites, as specified, and (4) the SOS promulgate regulations to implement (3).

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

SB 458 (Niello & Umberg) – Initiative and referendum measures: title and summary.

This bill makes corresponding changes should SCA 3 (Niello) be adopted by the Legislature and subsequently approved by voters. SCA 3 requires the Legislative Analyst Office, instead of the Attorney General, to prepare the ballot title and summary for all measures submitted to the voters of the state.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

SB 482 (Weber-Pierson) – Roster of public officials: local government.

This bill requires counties and cities to electronically submit to the SOS no more than 120 days after a general election the names of elected and appointed local officials for publication in the roster of public officials.

Status: Chapter 762, Statutes of 2025

SB 512 (Pérez) – District elections: initiatives.

This bill expands the types of jurisdictions that may, by an initiative, impose transactions and use taxes for transportation purposes.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

I am returning Senate Bill 512 without my signature:

This bill reaffirms that jurisdictions may use the initiative process to impose transactions and use taxes for transportation purposes.

The courts have consistently and repeatedly affirmed this existing authority; therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

SB 689 (Becker) – Local jurisdictions: district-based elections.

This bill permits a city with a population of 50,000 or less to have an at-large council district in certain circumstances and gives the city an extra 45 days to respond when sued under the California Voting Rights Act.

Status: In Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

SB 851 (Cervantes) – Elections.

This bill makes changes to state law to protect California's elections from federal interference. This bill also clarifies that the duty to certify election results is a ministerial duty of the elections official and makes it a crime to use misleading unofficial ballot return envelopes.

Status: Chapter 238, Statutes of 2025

SB 858 (Committee on Local Government) – Local Government Omnibus Act of 2025.

This bill, among other provisions, permits Kern County and Nevada County to have a separately appointed registrar of voters, instead of a county clerk whose duties include the registrar of voters.

Status: Chapter 242, Statutes of 2025

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

SJR 1 (Wiener) – Rescinding previous applications for a federal constitutional convention.

This resolution rescinds, nullifies, and supersedes all previous applications made by the California Legislature for the U.S. Congress to call a convention proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Status: Resolution Chapter 174, Statutes of 2025

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

SR 58 (Blakespear)

This resolution commemorates the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S Constitution as a milestone in American history that expanded democratic participation and advanced gender equality.

Status: Read and adopted

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 17 (Alanis) – Elections: precinct maps.

This bill requires county election officials to provide a digital map of each precinct within the county free of charge.

Status: Chapter 80, Statutes of 2025

AB 72 (Jackson) – Elections: Bengali.

This bill requires election officials to provide a voter, upon request, with registration or voting notices, forms, instructions, assistance, or other materials or information relating to the electoral process, including ballots, in Bengali.

Status: In Assembly Elections Committee

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 94 (Bennett) – Recall elections: successors.

This bill prohibits a recalled local officer from being appointed to fill the vacancy that recall created.

Status: Chapter 251, Statutes of 2025

AB 331 (Pellerin) – Elections: duties of election officials: voter information guides.

This bill requires the SOS and county election officials to prepare VIGs for county jail facilities in a format that will be accepted by the jail facilities. This bill also clarifies that the duty to certify election results is a ministerial duty of the elections official. Finally, this bill makes it a crime to use misleading unofficial ballot return envelopes.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

AB 459 (DeMaio) – Initiatives: qualification: electronic signatures.

This bill requires the SOS to develop a system that allows a voter to sign a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition electronically.

Status: Assembly Elections Committee – Failed with reconsideration granted

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 868 (Carrillo) – Primary elections: county officers: top two candidates.

This bill requires that candidates for county nonpartisan offices who received the highest and second highest number of votes cast for nomination to that office be placed on the ballot at the ensuing general election, even if one of the candidates received a majority of votes cast in the primary election.

Status: In Assembly Elections Committee

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 919 (Lowenthal) – Confidentiality of voter information: cognitively impaired individuals.

This bill authorizes an individual who holds power of attorney for an individual with a cognitive impairment to apply for confidential voter status on behalf of the individual with a cognitive impairment.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 930 (Ward) – Elections and voting procedures.

This bill makes various changes relating to voter-requested recounts of election results, including specifying the order in which ballots are recounted, who can pay for a recount, and who can serve on a recount board. This bill also standardizes provisions for the receipt of VBM ballots.

Status: Chapter 282, Statutes of 2025

AB 1040 (Essayli) – Elections: residency: displacement by natural disaster.

This bill provides that a person who leaves their home for temporary purposes because of a natural disaster, and who intends to return to that home or to another address within the same jurisdiction, does not lose their domicile at that home and may provide a temporary mailing address without losing their domicile at that home.

Status: In Assembly Elections Committee

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 1072 (Pellerin) – Elections: ballot mistakes.

This bill requires the SOS to develop uniform standards and guidelines for a voter to correct mistakes when voting.

Status: Chapter 289, Statutes of 2025

AB 1079 (Ávila Farías) – Civil appeals: stay of enforcement.

This bill specifies that a superior court order must be enforced during a pending appeal of a case brought under laws relating to local electoral district boundaries, unless the

superior court itself stays enforcement or the SOS takes specified action.

Status: Chapter 178, Statutes of 2025

AB 1259 (Essayli) – Remote accessible vote by mail systems: testing and examination: report.

This bill requires the SOS to publish a report stating whether the remote accessible vote by mail system has been certified, conditionally approved, or withheld on the SOS' website. Under current law, this report must be made publicly available within 60 days after the completion of the examination of a remote accessible vote by mail system.

Status: In Assembly Elections Committee

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 1392 (Sharp-Collins & Flora) – Elections: voter registration information: elected officials and candidates.

This bill requires the residence address, telephone number, and email address appearing on an elected official or candidate's affidavit of registration be made confidential unless the person opts out.

Status: Chapter 300, Statutes of 2025

AB 1411 (Sharp-Collins) – Voter education and outreach plans.

This bill requires counties that do not conduct their elections using the VCA to design a voter education and outreach plan.

Status: Chapter 301, Statutes of 2025

AB 1513 (Committee on Elections) – Election procedures: certified mail and superior courts.

This bill replaces the term "trial court" with "superior court" in provisions of the California Election Code that govern the recall process and also replaces the use of registered mail with electronic or certified mail for elections-related communications.

Status: Chapter 304, Statutes of 2025

HR 48 (Pellerin)

This resolution recognizes the 105 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment and urges all Californians to join in celebrating the anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S Constitution.

Status: Read and adopted

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

Government Ethics, Political Reform, & Transparency

SB 42 (Umberg, Allen, & Cervantes) – Political Reform Act of 1974: public campaign financing: California Fair Elections Act of 2026.

This bill puts before the voters a system for public funding of state and local election campaigns in California.

Status: Chapter 245, Statutes of 2025

SB 300 (Padilla) – Conflicts of interest: nonprofit organizations: membership dues.

This bill states that a public official who receives income from certain nonprofit associations may participate in making a governmental decision that effects the amount of dues or the number of members of an association without violating state conflict of interest laws.

Status: In Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

SB 321 (Cervantes) – Late signature curing expenditure reports.

This bill requires campaign committees to report within 24 hours any expenditures made to address unsigned, or signed but unverified, VBM ballot envelopes.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

SB 401 (Hurtado) – Political Reform Act of 1974: state employees: financial interests.

This bill prohibits an employee of a state agency from having a financial interest in a business regulated by or that does business with that state agency.

Status: In Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

SB 644 (Blakespear) – Political Reform Act of 1974: contribution limits.

This bill imposes, beginning in 2027, campaign contribution limits for candidates for judicial, community college board, and school board offices.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

SB 760 (Allen) – Behested payments: public appeal for payment.

This bill exempts from reporting requirements any payments that result from an official's broad public appeal.

Status: Chapter 551, Statutes of 2025

SB 852 (Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments) – Political Reform Act of 1974: Citizens Redistricting Commission.

This bill makes noncontroversial changes to the PRA on various matters and to the

Voters FIRST Act on how a vacancy on the CRC is filled.

Status: Chapter 331, Statutes of 2025

AB 351 (McKinnor) – Campaign contributions: agency officers.

This bill increases, from \$500 to \$1,500, the threshold at which campaign contributions received by specified public officials can cause those officials to be disqualified from participating in or influencing decisions related to licensing, permitting, and similar entitlements for use if the contributions were received from an entity with a financial interest in that decision. This bill also requires that threshold to be automatically adjusted for inflation beginning in 2027.

Status: Assembly Elections Committee – Failed passage with reconsideration granted (This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 359 (Ramos) – Fair Political Practices Commission.

This bill makes permanent a provision of law that allows the FPPC to administer, implement, and enforce a local campaign finance or government ethics law upon mutual agreement between the FPPC and a local jurisdiction with a population of less than three million people.

Status: Chapter 257, Statutes of 2025

AB 502 (Pellerin & Berman) – Elections: deceptive media in advertisements.

This bill modifies the provisions of law that prohibits anyone, with malice, from knowingly distributing a campaign advertisement or other election communication containing materially deceptive content unless certain conditions are met.

Status: Senate Floor – Ordered to inactive file

AB 775 (Fong) – Behested payments: reporting.

This bill requires officials to report behested payments on a quarterly basis directly to the FPPC using its online system or to a local filing officer, under specified circumstances.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

AB 789 (Bonta) – Political Reform Act of 1974: security expenses.

This bill allows candidates for office and elected officials to use unlimited amounts of campaign funds for security purposes until January 1, 2029, and \$10,000 per year thereafter.

Status: Chapter 621, Statutes of 2025

AB 808 (Addis) – Campaign statements and registrations: filing online or electronically.

This bill eliminates the option to file various campaign reports via facsimile and updates

terms used in state law to reflect the electronic filing of required campaign-related reports in anticipation of the Cal-ACCESS Replacement Project.

Status: Chapter 278, Statutes of 2025

AB 884 (Essayli) – Campaign contributions: investor-owned utilities.

This bill prohibits an investor-owned utility from making a contribution to a candidate for elective state office and prohibits a candidate for state office from receiving a campaign contribution from an investor-owned utility.

Status: In Assembly Elections Committee

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 950 (Solache) – Political Reform Act of 1974: advertisements.

This bill makes changes to disclosures required in campaign advertisements so they are shorter and take up less space, including for those on billboards.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

AB 953 (Pacheco & Alanis) – Political Reform Act of 1974: contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals.

This bill prohibits a foreign national, other than a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipient, from making campaign contributions or expenditures in state and local elections.

Status: Chapter 170, Statutes of 2025

AB 1029 (Valencia) – Statements of financial interest: digital financial assets.

This bill, beginning in 2027, deems digital finance assets as investments that public officials must disclose on their statements of economic interests.

Status: Chapter 85, Statutes of 2025

AB 1214 (Patterson) – Elections: official canvass.

This bill requires election officials to post updated election results during the official canvass at least twice per week, instead of at least once per week.

Status: Senate Floor – Ordered to inactive file

AB 1286 (Boerner) – Political Reform Act of 1974: prospective employment.

This bill requires that elected officials and other high ranking state and local officials disclose arrangements for prospective employment in their statements of economic interest.

Status: Chapter 186, Statutes of 2025

AB 1370 (Patterson) – State Legislature: nondisclosure agreements.

This bill prohibits a Member of the California Legislature from entering into, or

requesting another individual to enter into, a nondisclosure agreement related to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of proposed legislation.

Status: Chapter 191, Statutes of 2025

AB 1511 (Committee on Elections) – Political Reform Act of 1974: refunding and transferring contributions: voter information guide.

This bill clarifies that a candidate who raised money to run for one office, but who does not run in the primary election for that office, may use the contributions raised to run for a different office. This bill also makes minor corrections to update statutory language.

Status: Chapter 249, Statutes of 2025

Redistricting

SB 162 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) – Elections.

This bill ensure that counties have sufficient funding to effectuate the November 4, 2025, special election, provided the use any excess funds received by counties to offset costs for the next statewide election conducted by that particular county, and prohibited county election officials from certifying the results of a local election before the 28th calendar day following the November 4, 2025, election. This bill has the same contents as AB 162 (Committee on Budget).

Status: Chapter 115, Statutes of 2025

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

SB 280 (Cervantes & Pellerin) – Elections.

This bill calls a special statewide election for November 4, 2025, requires the SOS to submit ACA 8 (Rivas and McGuire) of 2025 to the voters for their consideration, and provides for the conduct of the election. This bill also provides modifications for the June 2, 2026, statewide primary election if ACA 8 is approved by voters.

Status: Chapter 97, Statutes of 2025

SJR 10 (Strickland) – Redistricting: independent redistricting commissions.

This resolution urges the Congress of the United States to propose a constitutional amendment to require that all states adopt nonpartisan, independent redistricting commissions to draw congressional and legislative district lines.

Status: In Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

AB 40 (Bryan) – Redistricting: congressional districts.

This bill provides that the Congressional district maps contained in AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry, Chapter 96, Statutes of 2025) become operative only if ACA 8 (Rivas, Resolution Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025) is approved by voters and if Texas, Florida, or another

state adopts a new congressional district map after August 1, 2025, and prior to January 1, 2031, and such redistricting is not required by a federal court order.

Status: Senate Floor – Ordered to inactive file

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry & Gonzalez) – Redistricting: congressional districts.

This bill contains the legal descriptions of California congressional districts that would be adopted pursuant to ACA 8 (Rivas and McGuire).

Status: Chapter 96, Statutes of 2025

AB 1441 (Soria) – County of Merced Citizens Redistricting Commission.

This bill creates the Citizens Redistricting Commission in the County of Merced and tasks it with establishing supervisorial districts for Merced County following the federal decennial census.

Status: Chapter 730, Statutes of 2025

ACA 8 (Rivas & McGuire) – Congressional redistricting.

This proposed constitutional amendment would, if approved by the voters, implement new congressional districts pursuant to AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry and Gonzalez) of 2025 that would take effect for the 2026 elections. These districts would remain in force until the 2032 election.

Status: Resolution Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025

Voter Registration & Voting

SB 91 (Cervantes & Allen) – All-mailed ballot elections: vote centers.

This bill modifies the early voting period that specified vote centers must be open from 10 days before Election Day to five days before Election Day in counties conducting elections using the VCA.

Status: In Assembly Elections Committee

SB 266 (Cervantes) – Elections: language accessibility.

This bill requires voteable ballots to be translated into additional languages and prescribes additional duties for the SOS and county election officials relating to translated election materials.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

SB 316 (Reyes) – High school pupils: voter registration.

This bill requires students to receive information about preregistering, registering to vote, and voting before completing the 11th grade.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

SB 335 (Strickland) – Elections: voting by mail.

This bill removes the requirement to automatically mail every active registered voter a VBM ballot and requires voters to request a VBM ballot. This bill also removes the requirement for counties to have VBM ballot drop-off locations, repeals a voter's ability to vote using a remote accessible vote by mail system, and repeals the VCA.

Status: Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee – Failed with reconsideration granted

SB 398 (Umberg) – Election crimes: payment based on voting or voter registration.

This bill prohibits a person from paying or offering to pay money or other valuable consideration to another person to register to vote or vote.

Status: Chapter 246, Statutes of 2025

SB 405 (Choi) – Elections: voter identification.

This bill repeals a prohibition on local governments enacting and enforcing provisions requiring a person to present identification for voting.

Status: Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee – Held without recommendation

SB 408 (Choi) – Voter registration: residency confirmation.

This bill requires county election officials or the SOS to contract with the United States Postal Service or its licensees to obtain use of postal service change-of-address data for the purposes of voter file maintenance and residency confirmation.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

SB 621 (Grove) – Voter registration: military and overseas voters.

This bill repeals the additional requirements for military and overseas voters to register to vote after the registration deadline to fully align with the existing CVR process for all voters.

Status: Chapter 101, Statutes of 2025

SCR 48 (Cervantes & Perez) – High School Voter Education Weeks.

This resolution encourages all Californians to participate in the High School Voter Education Weeks of April 14 to 25, 2025, and September 15 to 26, 2025.

Status: Resolution Chapter 162, Statutes of 2025

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

SCR 53 (Perez) – High School Voter Education Weeks.

This resolution declares April 14, 2025, to April 25, 2025, as High School Voter Education Weeks and encourages local educational agencies to dedicate at least one of those two weeks to educating high school pupils on the electoral process.

Status: Senate Floor – Ordered to inactive file

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 25 (DeMaio & Essayli) – California Voter ID and Election Integrity Act of 2025.

This bill requires a person to provide documentation of citizenship when registering to vote, requires a person to provide government-issued photo identification when voting in-person, requires a voter to provide the last four digits of a government-issued identification number on a VBM ballot envelope, requires elections officials to count all ballots within 72 hours of an election, repeals a provision of law that prohibits local governments from enacting voter identification requirements that are not required by state or federal law, and requires the State Auditor to audit specified decisions of county elections officials.

Status: Assembly Elections Committee – Failed passage with no reconsideration granted

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 287 (Lackey) – Elections: polling places and vote centers.

This bill specifies that when a public entity provides use of one of its buildings for a polling place or vote center, it must also provide accessible parking, curbside parking, and storage at the location.

Status: Chapter 253, Statutes of 2025

AB 1077 (Essayli) – Voter registration: California New Motor Voter Program.

This bill provides that if a person provides a document at the time of a transaction with the Department of Motor Vehicles that demonstrates the person is not a United States citizen, then the person will not be offered the opportunity to attest that the person meets all voter eligibility requirements as part of that transaction. This bill would also prohibit the Department of Motor Vehicles from electronically providing records of that person to the SOS.

Status: In Assembly Elections Committee

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.)

AB 1116 (Berman) – Elections: voter registration.

This bill requires by September 1, 2027, the SOS to develop a method to collect an electronic image of a signature from someone who does not have a California Driver's License or a California Identification Card and is registering to vote electronically using the statewide voter registration system on the SOS's website.

Status: In Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

AB 1164 (Ransom) – Elections: Voter Bill of Rights.

This bill updates the Voter Bill of Rights to revise the language about replacement ballots.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – Held on suspense

AB 1249 (Wilson) – Early voting: satellite locations.

This bill requires a county that does not conduct their elections using the VCA to provide at least one early voting location on the Saturday before Election Day.

Status: Chapter 296, Statutes of 2025

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