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INTRODUCTION

This publication provides a comprehensive summary of the legislative measures relevant to the work of the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments from the 2025-26 Legislative Session, as well as measures not referred to the committee, but had substantial effects on elections.

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

Measures listed with the status “Held in committee” were not set for a hearing. Measures listed with the status “Held at Desk” were not referred to any committee. Measures listed with the status “Ordered to inactive file” were not taken up on the respective house floor. Measures listed with the status “Held under submission” did not pass out of the Committee on Appropriations of the respective house. Measures listed with the status “Held without recommendation” did not receive a motion to be voted on during the measure’s committee hearing. Measures listed with the status “reconsideration granted” were given the opportunity to be heard again in the committee after failing. Measures listed with the status “no reconsideration granted” could no longer move through the legislative process after failing. Certain measures reflect the status the measure was in when it affected this committee’s jurisdiction before the measure was amended to a different subject matter. Measures passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor include the chapter number. Vetoed measures include the Governor’s veto message.

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ABBREVIATIONS

The committee uses the following abbreviations throughout this summary:

AG – Attorney General
CRC – Citizens Redistricting Commission
CVRA – California Voting Rights Act
CVR – Conditional Voter Registration
FPPC – Fair Political Practices Commission
PRA – Political Reform Act of 1974
SOS – Secretary of State
VCA – Voter’s Choice Act
VIG – Voter Information Guide
VRA – Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965
VBM – Vote by Mail

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BALLOT LABELS

SB 830 (Arreguín) - Public Transit Revenue Measure District: revenue measure: election procedures.

This bill prescribes the measure designation and ballot position for a Public Transit Revenue Measure District tax measure, in specific Bay Area counties, on the November 2026 general election ballot and provides a process for selecting the supporting and opposing arguments that appear in county VIGs.

Status: Chapter 101, Statutes of 2026

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 Floor – 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 VIG or providing the information directly on the ballot label.

Status: Vetoed

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

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 on VBM ballot identification envelopes 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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments – 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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments – Held without recommendation

AB 5 (Berman) - Elections: official canvass.

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 CVR, 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 ballot identification 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 identification envelope. This includes, among other provisions, standardizing the deadlines when election officials must notify voters of a signature issue on a VBM ballot identification envelope and when voters must return a signature cure form.

Status: Chapter 279, Statutes of 2025

AB 2604 (Berman) - Elections: ballot curing.

This bill requires the SOS to implement and make available to county election officials a system that allows voters to access electronic signature curing.

Status: Chapter 628, Statutes of 2026

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SCA 1 (Grove) - Educational expenses: school choice flex accounts and special education flex accounts.

This measure authorizes the state, and every agency or political subdivision, to disburse funds pursuant to an agreement between the state and a parent or legal guardian of an eligible child for tuition and education-related expenses associated with attending a private school serving any K-12 students irrespective of religious affiliation and provide tax or other public benefits to private schools serving any K-12 students irrespective of religious affiliation, to further the promotion of intellectual, scientific, moral, and agricultural improvement.

Status: Senate Committee on Education – Held in committee

SCA 2 (Choi) - Governor: pardons and commutations.

This measure prohibits a governor from granting a pardon to themselves or a relative.

Status: Senate Committee on Public Safety – Failed passage with reconsideration granted

SCA 3 (Niello) - Elections: initiatives and referenda.

This measure transfers the duties of preparing the circulating title and summary for proposed initiatives or referenda, the ballot label, and the title and summary for the state VIG for statewide ballot measures appearing on a ballot from the AG to the Legislative Analyst.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

SCA 4 (Archuleta) - Property taxation: veterans' exemption.

This measure allows an eligible California homeowner to claim the homeowners' exemption in addition to one or both of the veterans' exemptions on their property taxes.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

SCA 5 (Cortese) - Education finance: Education Equalization Act: Equalization Reserve Account.

This measure establishes the Equalization Reserve Account, a state education endowment intended to increase per-pupil funding for non-basic aid school districts.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

ACA 1 (Valencia) - Public finance.

This measure allows the state to deposit more money into its rainy day fund, by increasing the limit on transfers to the fund.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACAX1-1 (DeMaio) - Stop Politicians from Violating Our Constitutional Rights Act of 2025.

This measure reduces the salary of a Member of the Legislature who voted in favor of a law that is enacted and that is held unconstitutional by a federal court. It would also forfeit the salary of the Governor who signed the bill into law.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 2 (Jackson) - Legislature: retirement.

This measure repeals the prohibition on paying a pension to retired legislators and instead provide retirement benefits for legislators who serve at least ten years.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 3 (Haney) - University of California: home down payment loans for support staff.

This measure requires the Regents of the University of California to extend portions of homeownership assistance currently provided to faculty and senior executives to eligible support staff.

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

ACA 4 (Jackson) - Homelessness and affordable housing.

This measure requires at least 5% of General Fund revenues be transferred to the Housing Opportunities Made Equal Fund each year for the next 10 years, to support the creation of affordable housing, fund housing and services to prevent and end homelessness, and support homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

ACA 5 (Schiavo) - Property taxation: veterans' exemption.

This measure allows an eligible California homeowner to claim the homeowners' exemption in addition to one or both of the veterans' exemptions on their property taxes.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 6 (Wilson) - Slavery.

This measure prohibits slavery in all forms but would allow the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award credits to an incarcerated person who voluntarily accepts a work assignment.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 7 (Jackson) - Government preferences.

This measure replaces “public education” with “public higher education admissions and enrollment” in subdivision (a) Section 31, of Article I, which prohibits discrimination and preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. The measure requires that it appear on the statewide general election ballot on November 7, 2028.

Status: Resolution Chapter 223, Statutes of 2026

ACA 8 (Rivas) - Congressional redistricting.

This measure implements new congressional districts pursuant to AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry) of 2025 for the 2026 elections. These districts would remain in place until the 2032 election.

Status: Resolution Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments but was heard in the committee.)

ACA 9 (Boerner) - Public Utilities Commission.

This measure changes the size and composition of the membership of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and delete telephone corporations from those public utilities regulated by the CPUC.

Status: Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications – Held in committee

ACA 10 (DeMaio) - Parole.

This measure repeals provisions of the constitution that 1) make a person convicted of a nonviolent felony offense and sentenced to state prison eligible for parole after completing the full term of their primary offense, and 2) give the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation authority to award credits for good behavior and approved rehabilitative or educational achievements.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 11 (Macedo) - California Water Resiliency Act.

This measure annually transfer an amount equal to 1% of all state revenues eligible to be appropriated from the General Fund to the Water Conveyance and Capacity Infrastructure Fund, which it creates, to pay for the entitlement, repair, design, and construction of water infrastructure projects that will maintain or expand the availability of clean, safe drinking water for homes and businesses, and water for agricultural uses.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 12 (Wallis) - Road usage charges: vote and voter approval requirements.

This measure places constitutional restrictions on a state or local road usage charge and require that any road usage charge be adopted by a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature or a two-thirds vote of the local electorate.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 13 (DeMaio) - Public finance: Balanced Budget Accountability Act of 2025.

This measure requires a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature to make any state General Fund appropriations or to impose or increase a state agency charge on any person. The measure also expands state contracting authority for governmental services and would limit state employment costs.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 14 (DeMaio) - Taxes and fees: voter thresholds.

This measure requires the title of an initiative measure proposing to impose or increase a tax or a fee to begin with the capitalized words “TAX INCREASE:” or “FEE INCREASE:”, and the summary to state whether the charge is a tax or a fee, the amount or rate of the charge, and the duration of the charge. The measure also requires all local fees and special tax increases to be submitted to the voters and require a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 15 (Tangipa) - Redistricting: eligibility for congressional office.

This measure prohibits a Member of the Legislature who voted in favor of ACA 8 (Rivas) from being a candidate for congressional office in any congressional district adopted pursuant to ACA 8.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 16 (Ellis) - Budget bill: balanced budget: Members of the Legislature: salaries.

This measure authorizes the State Controller, no later than 30 days after the date of the budget bill’s passage, to determine whether the budget bill violates the constitutional requirement that it be balanced. If the Controller makes that determination, the Members of the Legislature and the Governor would forfeit their salaries and reimbursements for travel and living expenses from the day immediately following the date on which the Controller makes the determination until the date on which a new budget bill is enacted.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 17 (Ortega) - Individuals with disabilities: direct benefit payments.

This measure provides a bill reducing direct benefit payments, under specific benefit programs, to an individual with a disability and must include an urgency statute and cannot include any other unrelated provisions

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 18 (Caloza) - University of California: regents: student members.

This measure requires the UC Board of Regents to appoint four students to the UC Regents.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

ACA 19 (Sanchez) - Parole.

This measure delays and authorizes the Governor to affirm, modify, or reverse, any decision of the Board of Parole Hearings for the granting of parole for any person receiving parole through any early parole program designated by the Legislature, if that person was convicted of a violent felony.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 20 (Gabriel) - Save for California's Future Act.

This measure increases the Budget Stabilization Account limit from 10% of General Fund Revenues to 20% of General Fund Revenues and makes other modifications for the funds that may be deposited into or withdrawn from the account.

Status: Resolution Chapter 130, Statutes of 2026

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

ACA 21 (Rivas) - Withdrawal of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 13 of the 2023-24 Regular Session.

This measure directs the SOS to withdraw ACA 13 (Ward) from the November 3, 2026, ballot.

Status: Resolution Chapter 131, Statutes of 2026

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

ACA 22 (Wicks) - Local taxes: limitation.

This measure prohibits local governments, or voters by initiative, from imposing special taxes unless and until the tax receives 2/3 voter approval.

Status: Resolution Chapter 132, Statutes of 2026

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

ACA 23 (Johnson) - Secretary of State: nonpartisan office.

This measure makes the SOS a nonpartisan office.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ACA 24 (Nguyen) - Elections: prohibition of exclusion of eligible voters.

This measure provides that an eligible voter may not be excluded from meaningful participation at any integral stage of any publicly funded election, including a primary election, on any basis, including political party preference.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

SB 46 (Umberg) - Presidential elections: qualifications for office.

This bill prohibits the SOS from placing the name of a candidate for U.S. President or Vice President on a ballot, unless the candidate affirms, under oath, that the candidate meets the requirements for one of the aforementioned offices and allows the SOS to exclude a candidate for President or Vice President from the ballot if the SOS determines the candidate is not eligible for the office.

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

SB 73 (Cervantes) - Elections.

This bill addresses concerns of election interference by law enforcement and clarifies that an election observer cannot challenge a voter's signature on a VBM ballot identification envelope or a VBM signature cure form.

Status: Chapter 10, Statutes of 2026

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

SB 259 (Wahab) - Elections: vote by mail ballots.

This bill makes it a felony for a person with authority to direct a person subject to their supervision or authority to interfere with the delivery or return of a VBM ballot, and also makes it a misdemeanor for a person who has charge of a VBM ballot to interfere with its delivery to a voter.

Status: Chapter 331, Statutes of 2026

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

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

SB 458 (Niello) - 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, instead of the AG, to prepare the ballot title and summary for all measures submitted to the voters of the state.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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 CVRA.

Status: Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments – Held in committee

SB 715 (Allen) - Elections.

This bill provides more time to challenge a candidate's ballot designation by making numerous changes to the calendar deadlines that precede an election. This bill also requires candidates to certify under penalty of perjury to the truth and accuracy of their ballot designations.

Status: Chapter 978, Statutes of 2026

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

SB 830 (Arreguín) - Public Transit Revenue Measure District: revenue measure: election procedures.

This bill prescribes the measure designation and ballot position for a Public Transit Revenue Measure District tax measure, in specific Bay Area counties, on the November 2026 general election ballot and provides a process for selecting the supporting and opposing arguments that appear in county VIGs.

Status: Chapter 101, Statutes of 2026

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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.)

SB 884 (Umberg) - Elections in 2026 through 2029.

This bill extends the time VBM drop off locations are open and modifies the type and range of prohibited activities near a polling location for elections held or proclaimed in 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029.

Status: Chapter 340, Statutes of 2026

SB 970 (Cervantes) - Military or overseas voters.

This bill requires the SOS to promulgate regulations to facilitate the secure return of ballots from military and overseas voters.

Status: Assembly Floor – Ordered to inactive file

SB 1164 (Cervantes) - Elections.

This bill revises and expands the CVRA of 2001 with a state voting rights act that seeks to protect voters from voter suppression and vote dilution. This bill also requires any political subdivision to obtain preapproval from the AG before changing its method of election, annexing or de-annexing territory affecting the jurisdiction's population, or reducing language assistance, if the subdivision was found liable in the previous 10 years for violating this bill, a law, or constitutional provision related to the right to vote for members of a protected class.

Status: Chapter 338, Statutes of 2026

SB 1225 (Niello) - Initiative and referendum measures: title and summary.

This bill is a companion measure for SCA 3 (Niello), which provides for the implementation of the constitutional amendment if it is adopted by the Legislature and approved by voters. SCA 3 requires the Legislative Analyst, instead of the AG, to prepare the ballot title and summary for all measures submitted to the voters of the state.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

SB 1357 (Ochoa Bogh) - Recall elections: notice of intention.

This bill excludes the signatures and street addresses of the recall proponents from a published notice of intention to recall a state or local elected official and also adds a declaration to ensure signers understand that they may not withdraw their signatures from this notice.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

SB 1360 (Cervantes) - Elections: translation of election materials.

This bill increases language access services and the types of translated election-related materials for voters.

Status: Chapter 339, Statutes of 2026

SB 1369 (Reyes) - Recall petitions.

This bill requires a person who is being paid to gather signatures to qualify an initiative, referendum, or recall for the ballot to disclose orally to potential signers that they are being paid. For the recall of a superior court judge, this bill sets the time period for getting the required number signatures on a recall petition at 120 days in jurisdictions with 50,000 or more registered voters.

Status: Chapter 1029, Statutes of 2026

SB 1418 (Cervantes) - Preservation of election materials.

This bill makes it a crime to take election materials, as specified, or voting technology from the custody of election officials. This bill also expands the types of materials required for preservation if an election contest or criminal proceeding is ongoing.

Status: Chapter 341, Statutes of 2026

SB 1420 (Richardson) - Vote by mail ballots and early voting.

This bill requires the SOS to promulgate regulations establishing uniform procedures for election officials that allow a voter to vote their VBM ballot at a polling location without the VBM ballot's identification envelope and requires information to be included in the state VIG about early in-person voting opportunities.

Status: Chapter 342, Statutes of 2026

SB 1429 (Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments) - Elections.

This omnibus bill makes various changes to the Elections Code.

Status: Chapter 114, Statutes of 2026

SB 1430 (Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments) - Elections.

This bill conforms the Education Code and the Elections Code to provide the same 125-day deadline to adopt a resolution specifying the date and the purpose of an election and requires the resolution to be delivered to the county superintendent of schools and the officer conducting the election.

Status: Chapter 115, Statutes of 2026

SB 1431 (Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments) - Elections.

This bill deletes obsolete requirements for a military and overseas voter to apply for a VBM ballot and makes changes to the process a candidate follows in submitting nomination signatures.

Status: Chapter 161, Statutes of 2026

SCA 3 (Niello) - Elections: initiatives and referenda.

This measure, if approved by voters, transfers the duties of preparing the circulating title and summary for proposed initiatives or referenda, the ballot label, and the title and summary for the state VIG for statewide ballot measures appearing on a ballot from the AG to the Legislative Analyst.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations— Held under submission

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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.)

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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.)

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: Amended in the Assembly Committee on Elections on 1/5/26 to a different subject matter.

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

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 282 (Pellerin) - Elections: seizure of election materials.

This bill makes it a felony to 1) to seize or cause or assist in the seizure of ballots, election records, or certified voting technology before election results are certified by the elections official and 2) for any person with authority to direct another person subject to their supervision or authority to seize ballots, election records, or certified voting technology before election results are certified.

Status: Chapter 330, Statutes of 2026

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

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 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: Assembly Committee on Elections – Held in committee
(This measure was not referred to the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.)

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

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: Assembly Committee on Elections – Held in committee

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

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 VBM 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 VBM system.

Status: Assembly Committee on Elections – Held in committee

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

AB 1392 (Sharp-Collins) - 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 Elections 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

AB 1539 (Addis) - Presidential elections: qualifications for office.

This bill requires, before the SOS may place candidates for President and Vice President on the general election ballot, a representative of each political party to certify, under penalty of perjury, that the party's nominees for those offices are qualified under Amendment XXII to the U.S. Constitution.

Status: Chapter 880, Statutes of 2026

AB 1562 (Jackson) - Elections: precinct board members.

This bill permits, until January 1, 2033, a county to adopt a system in which individuals are randomly selected to serve as poll workers.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1562 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a county to adopt a system to randomly select individuals to serve as precinct board members. This bill also establishes standards and guidelines for a county election official to follow in developing and implementing this system.

I thank the author for his commitment to increasing civic engagement and participation in our democratic processes. If a county were to choose to implement a system consistent with this bill, it would require a tremendous amount of staff and financial resources. Given the unprecedented attacks on our election systems, I am concerned that while well-intentioned, this bill could inadvertently redirect resources away from local election officials administering free and fair elections.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

AB 1664 (Jackson) - Elections: law enforcement investigations of election records or voting technology.

This bill requires a local agency, political subdivision, or elections official to provide notice to the SOS and the AG immediately, but no later than one calendar day, after becoming aware of any warrant, subpoena, or active law enforcement investigation pertaining to the search, seizure, or retention of any election records or certified voting technology.

Status: Chapter 336, Statutes of 2026

AB 1853 (Pellerin) - Voter information guide: candidate statements.

This bill limits what a candidate can include in their statement in the VIG.

Status: Chapter 554, Statutes of 2026

AB 1919 (Pellerin) - Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District: transactions and use tax: qualified voter initiative.

This bill permits the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District to impose special taxes by an initiative.

Status: Chapter 107, Statutes of 2026

AB 1923 (Soria) - Local ballot measures: County of Fresno.

This bill directs the board of supervisors to place an initiative on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot in Fresno County to extend for 30 years, and adopt a new spending plan for, the local transportation sales tax.

Status: Chapter 108, Statutes of 2026

AB 1993 (DeMaio) - Voting by mail: identification envelopes.

This bill requires, beginning in 2028, that any hole or other opening in a VBM ballot identification envelope must be located so that the voter's ballot selections cannot be seen through the opening.

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

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

AB 2105 (Macedo) - Elections: vote by mail ballots.

This bill requires the SOS to identify and publish geographic areas where VBM ballots may not receive a postmark on Election Day and mandates that local election officials notify voters who reside in these areas.

Status: Assembly Committee on Elections – Held in committee

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

AB 2153 (Berman) - Voter registration: residency confirmation.

This bill repeals an obsolete provision of law related to residency confirmation of registered voters.

Status: Chapter 112, Statutes of 2026

AB 2230 (Ávila Farías) - Immigration enforcement: child daycare facilities.

Prior to being amended, this bill, among other provisions, expands the crime of a uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel being stationed in the immediate vicinity of a polling place without written authorization to include an officer or agent of a federal law enforcement agency.

Status: Amended in the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments on 6/11/26 to remove election-related provisions.

AB 2281 (Berman) - Office of Elections Cybersecurity.

This bill requires the SOS to assess whether additional state resources are needed to replace election cybersecurity resources previously provided by the federal government and permits the Office of Elections Cybersecurity to consult with academic researchers to develop best practices for protecting against threats to election cybersecurity.

Status: Chapter 337, Statutes of 2026

AB 2484 (Alvarez) - San Diego Metropolitan Transit System: transactions and use tax: voter initiatives.

This bill permits the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System to adopt a retail transaction and use tax ordinance by an initiative.

Status: Chapter 613, Statutes of 2026

AB 2573 (Sharp-Collins) - Voter registration information: confidentiality.

This bill modifies the program that makes confidential an elected official's or a candidate's voter registration record and changes the ability for an elected official or candidate to have their voter registration record from the individual's affidavit of registration made confidential from an opt-out to an opt-in process.

Status: Chapter 622, Statutes of 2026

AB 2604 (Berman) - Elections: ballot curing.

This bill requires the SOS to implement and make available to county election officials a system that allows voters to access electronic signature curing.

Status: Chapter 628, Statutes of 2026

AB 2691 (Addis) - Elections: elective office: felony conviction.

This bill prohibits a person convicted of felony human trafficking or sexual assault that requires the person to register as a Tier 3 sex offender from running for or being elected to state or local office in California.

Status: Chapter 480, Statutes of 2026

AB 2753 (Soria) - Elective office: sex offenders.

This bill prohibits a person who has ever had to register as a sex offender from running for or being elected to state or local office in California.

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

AB 2786 (Committee on Elections) - Elections.

This bill expands the coordination between a lead county and other counties for the deadlines for specified ballot measure materials and makes technical changes.

Status: Chapter 143, Statutes of 2026

AJR 31 (Bryan) - Restoration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

This resolution urges Congress to enact legislation to restore and strengthen the full protections of the VRA.

Status: Senate Floor – Ordered to inactive file

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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.)

GOVERNMENT ETHICS, POLITICAL REFORM, AND TRANSPARENCY

SB 42 (Umberg) - 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: Amended in the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments on 1/5/26 to a different subject matter.

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 identification envelopes.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

SB 401 (Hurtado) - Political Reform Act of 1974: filing deadlines: emergency situations.

This bill allows the FPPC to extend any filing deadline under the PRA for an individual who lives in an area impacted by an emergency situation that is likely to affect the individual's ability to timely file.

Status: Chapter 968, Statutes of 2026

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

SB 900 (McNerney) - Political Reform Act of 1974: top contributors: disclosures.

This bill changes the disclosures required in campaign advertisements to make them shorter and take up less space, including for those on electronic and physical billboards.

Status: Chapter 659, Statutes of 2026

SB 1175 (Rubio) - Lobbyist registration and termination.

This bill requires a lobbyist to file an amended lobbyist certification or a notice of lobbying termination directly with the SOS, rather than with the lobbying firm or the lobbyist employer.

Status: Chapter 682, Statutes of 2026

SB 1308 (Ochoa Bogh) - Legislature: constitutional course.

This bill requires each Member of the Legislature and each employee of the Legislature to take a course on the U.S. Constitution and California Constitution within six months of the convening of a regular Legislative session, or within six months of taking office or their hire date.

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

SB 1389 (Dahle) - The Political Reform Act of 1974: late filing of reports.

This bill extends the period during which a filing officer may waive late fees for a statement of economic interests that is filed after the deadline.

Status: Chapter 159, Statutes of 2026

SB 1432 (Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments) - Political Reform Act of 1974.

This bill authorizes the FPPC to have greater flexibility in classifying nonclerical positions, expands the state offices for which a candidate must file their statement of intention online or electronically with the SOS to include judicial offices, and increases the minimum text size of a required statement to 10-point Roman boldface type.

Status: Chapter 235, Statutes of 2026

SJR 18 (McNerney) - Campaign finance reform.

This joint resolution memorializes the California Legislature's strong disagreement with the majority opinion of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and encourages states to limit the powers of corporations to contribute to political campaigns.

Status: Resolution Chapter 207, Statutes of 2026

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 Committee on Elections – Failed passage with reconsideration granted

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

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) - 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: Chapter 333, Statutes of 2026

AB 686 (Berman) - Elections: deceptive audio or visual media.

This bill extends the sunset date, from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2031, on the prohibition on distributing materially deceptive audio or visual media with actual malice with the intent to injure a candidate's reputation or to deceive a voter into voting for or against a candidate, unless the media includes a disclosure that it has been manipulated.

Status: Chapter 334, Statutes of 2026

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: Chapter 870, Statutes of 2026

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: Assembly Committee on Elections – Held in committee

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

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

AB 953 (Pacheco) - 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 1130 (Berman) - Political Reform Act of 1974: campaign disclosures.

This bill imposes administrative, civil, and criminal penalties for failure to include disclosure disclaimers when a campaign committee pays a person to post political content online in support of or opposition to candidates and measures.

Status: Chapter 335, Statutes of 2026

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

AB 1560 (Tangipa) - Lobbyist certification.

This bill prohibits a person from serving as a lobbyist for 12 years after a conviction for a crime of public corruption.

Status: Assembly Floor – Died – Assembly did not take up Senate Amendments

AB 1652 (Patterson) - State agencies: regulations and legislation: nondisclosure agreements.

This bill prohibits an elective or appointive officer of a state agency, acting in their official capacity, from entering into, or requesting that another individual enter into, a nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of a proposed regulation or legislation.

Status: Chapter 130, Statutes of 2026

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

AB 1736 (Pellerin) - Political Reform Act of 1974: lobbyist employers: fictitious appearances.

This bill prohibits a lobbyist employer from creating a fictitious appearance of public favor or disfavor for a legislative or administrative action.

Status: Chapter 71, Statutes of 2026

AB 1788 (Boerner) - Political Reform Act of 1974: travel expenditures.

This bill requires a nonprofit organization that pays for travel by an elected state or local official, and that is required to file a disclosure report with the FPPC in connection with those payments, to disclose each payment for travel and the name of the person for whom the travel payment was made, and to maintain records related to those travel payments for five years.

Status: Assembly Floor – Ordered to inactive file

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

AB 1789 (Boerner) - Political Reform Act of 1974: candidate trainings.

This bill requires candidates and campaign treasurers beginning in 2029 to take a training course provided by the FPPC on the requirements of the PRA.

Status: Chapter 477, Statutes of 2026

AB 1840 (Sanchez) - Political Reform Act of 1974: prediction market contracts.

This bill prohibits elected officials, public officials or employees, and lobbyists from engaging in prediction market contract transactions, if the individual possesses or could obtain material nonpublic information relating to the transaction.

Status: Assembly Committee on Elections – Held in committee

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

AB 1984 (Rogers) - Corporate powers: political spending power.

This bill defines “artificial person,” specifies that the creation and continued existence of an artificial person is not a right but a conditional grant of legal status by the state, and precludes artificial person from engaging in political spending.

Status: Assembly Committee on Banking and Finance – Held in committee

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

AB 2063 (Wallis) - Legislative information system: bill position letters.

This bill requires that the Legislative Information System make publicly available all bill position letters submitted through the Legislature’s internet portal.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

AB 2255 (Pellerin) - Political Reform Act of 1974: candidate controlled committees: campaign statements.

This bill requires a candidate-controlled campaign committee to report additional information, if the candidate is not on the ballot at the next election or up for re-election and the committee makes expenditures to a single person of \$20,000 or more.

Status: Chapter 594, Statutes of 2026

AB 2409 (Valencia) - Digital assets: meme coins.

This bill prohibits a state and local official from issuing a meme coin, as defined, and prohibits a digital asset service provider from listing for sale on behalf of, or for purchase by, a California resident a meme coin, if the meme coin is offered by, or in partnership with, a federal, state, or local public official.

Status: Chapter 473, Statutes of 2026

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

AB 2413 (Ransom) - Large-format public advertisements: public expense.

This bill prohibits “large-format public advertisements” from being published or displayed at public expense.

Status: Chapter 940, Statutes of 2026

AB 2421 (Valencia) - Political Reform Act of 1974: committee termination.

This bill terminates a campaign committee when the committee has a cash balance of \$3,000 or less and has not filed a campaign report for at least the preceding 12 months.

Status: Chapter 75, Statutes of 2026

AB 2592 (Pacheco) - Lobbyist ethics.

This bill transfers from the Legislature to the FPPC the duty to provide statutorily required training to lobbyists and prohibits a person from serving as a lobbyist for 12 years after a conviction for a crime of public corruption.

Status: Chapter 479, Statutes of 2026

AB 2655 (Valencia) - Campaign funds: security expenses: security personnel.

This bill requires when campaign funds are used to pay for security personnel those personnel must be licensed by the State of California's Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

Status: Chapter 78, Statutes of 2026

REDISTRICTING

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

This bill ensures 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 prohibits 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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.)

SB 280 (Cervantes) - Elections.

This bill calls a special statewide election for November 4, 2025, requires the SOS to submit ACA 8 (Rivas) 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

SB 1164 (Cervantes) - Elections.

This bill revises and expands the CVRA of 2001 with a state voting rights act that seeks to protect voters from voter suppression and vote dilution. This bill also requires any political subdivision to obtain preapproval from the AG before changing its method of election, annexing or de-annexing territory affecting the jurisdiction's population, or reducing language assistance, if the subdivision was found liable in the previous 10 years for violating this bill, a law, or constitutional provision related to the right to vote for members of a protected class.

Status: Chapter 338, Statutes of 2026

SB 1414 (Reyes) - County of San Bernardino Citizens Redistricting Commission.

This bill establishes the Citizens Redistricting Commission in the County of San Bernardino and tasks it with adjusting the supervisorial district boundaries following each federal decennial census.

Status: Chapter 1037, Statutes of 2026

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

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

Status: Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments – Held in committee

AB 40 (Bryan) - Redistricting: congressional districts.

This bill provides that the congressional district maps contained in AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry) become operative only if ACA 8 (Rivas) 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: Amended on Senate Floor on 6/15/26 to a different subject matter.

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

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

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

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

AB 2785 (Committee on Elections) - Elections: redistricting information.

This bill requires the Legislature or an appropriate designee of the Legislature, in conjunction with the SOS, to establish a secure electronic process for county election officials to submit required data and information for redistricting, clarifies what data and information needs to be submitted, and provides a way for the Legislature or the appropriate designee of the Legislature to obtain complete, unredacted election returns from the SOS, if the Legislature or an appropriate designee of the Legislature does not receive the election returns from the county elections official.

Status: Chapter 642, Statutes of 2026

ACA 8 (Rivas) - Congressional redistricting.

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

Status: Resolution Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025

(This measure was not referred to the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments but was heard in committee.)

AJR 31 (Bryan) - Restoration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

This resolution urges U.S. Congress to enact legislation to restore and strengthen the full protections of the VRA.

Status: Senate Floor – Ordered to inactive file

VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING

SB 91 (Cervantes) - All-mailed ballots 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: Assembly Committee on Elections – Held in 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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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 VBM system, and repeals the VCA.

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

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

This bill requires county election officials or the SOS to contract with the U.S. 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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

SB 970 (Cervantes) - Military or overseas voters.

This bill requires the SOS to promulgate regulations to facilitate the secure return of ballots from military and overseas voters.

Status: Assembly Floor – Ordered to inactive file

SB 1310 (Choi) - Voter registration: prospective jurors.

This bill requires a jury commissioner, who receives information from a perspective juror indicating that the juror is ineligible for jury duty for a reason that would also make them ineligible to vote, to share this information with state and local election officials so that the person can be removed from the voter rolls.

Status: Senate Committee on Judiciary – Failed with reconsideration granted

SB 1360 (Cervantes) - Elections: translation of election materials.

This bill increases language access services and the types of translated election-related materials for voters.

Status: Chapter 339, Statutes of 2026

SB 1420 (Richardson) - Vote by mail ballots and early voting.

This bill requires the SOS to promulgate regulations establishing uniform procedures for election officials that allow a voter to vote their VBM ballot at a polling location without the VBM ballot's identification envelope and requires information to be included in the state VIG about early in-person voting opportunities.

Status: Chapter 342, Statutes of 2026

SB 1431 (Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments) - Elections.

This bill deletes obsolete requirements for a military and overseas voter to apply for a VBM ballot and makes changes to the process a candidate follows in submitting nomination signatures.

Status: Chapter 161, Statutes of 2026

SCR 48 (Cervantes) - 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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.)

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 Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.)

AB 25 (DeMaio) - 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 identification 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 Committee on Elections – Failed passage with no reconsideration granted

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

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 U.S. 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: Assembly Committee on Elections – Held in committee

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

AB 1116 (Berman) - Elections: voter registration.

This bill requires, by January 1, 2029, 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' website.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1116 without my signature.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to develop a method to allow voting-eligible individuals who do not have a California driver's license or California identification card to register to vote electronically by January 1, 2029.

While I support the author's goal of removing unnecessary barriers for eligible voters to register to vote, this bill would result in one-time and ongoing costs in the millions of dollars not included in the 2006 Budget Act.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

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 Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

AB 1610 (Ransom) - Elections: notice.

This bill creates uniform procedures for updating a voter's registration record when the voter changes their mailing address but not their residence address.

Status: Chapter 532, Statutes of 2026

AB 1764 (Sanchez) - Elections: voter registration.

This bill authorizes the SOS to enter into an agreement with the federal Social Security Administration to facilitate the availability of death statistics.

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations – Held under submission

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

AB 2153 (Berman) - Voter registration: residency confirmation.

This bill repeals an obsolete provision of law related to residency confirmation of registered voters.

Status: Chapter 112, Statutes of 2026

AB 1993 (DeMaio) - Voting by mail: identification envelopes.

This bill requires, beginning in 2028, that any hole or other opening in a VBM ballot identification envelope must be located so that the voter's ballot selections cannot be seen through the opening.

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

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

AB 2573 (Sharp-Collins) - Voter registration information: confidentiality.

This bill modifies the program that makes confidential an elected official's or a candidate's voter registration record and changes the ability for an elected official or candidate to have their voter registration record from the individual's affidavit of registration made confidential from an opt-out to an opt-in process.

Status: Chapter 622, Statutes of 2026

ACA 24 (Nguyen) - Elections: prohibition of exclusion of eligible voters.

This measure would have provided that an eligible voter may not be excluded from meaningful participation at any integral stage of any publicly funded election, including a primary election, on any basis, including political party preference.

Status: Assembly – Held at Desk

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

AJR 29 (Berman) - Voting by mail.

This joint resolution states the Legislature's opposition to presidential Executive Order #14399 relating to VBM voting and calls on the U.S. Congress to protect the constitutional authority of states to administer their own elections.

Status: Resolution Chapter 195, Statutes of 2026

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