

**2023** Proposed Legislation

**Elections**

## OFFICIAL NAME

### ELECTIONS: COUNTY OF ORANGE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.

## BILL SUMMARY

STATE : CA

### BILL NUMBER

AB34

### MOST RECENT ACTION

5/22/2023

### STATUS

Passed one chamber

As amended, this bill:

- Establishes a County of Orange Citizens Redistricting Commission and outlines their mission.
- Defines relevant terms.
- Requires the Commission be created by December 31, 2030 and in each year ending in zero after.
- Specifies that the Commission is designed to be independent of board influence and representative of the county's diversity, and that it will consist of 14 members and two alternates, with proportional political representation and outlines guidelines for those who decline to state or indicate a party preference.
- Lists required qualifications for all Commission members and requires the county election official to review all applications and eliminate those who are not qualified.
- Requires the county election official to select 60 qualified candidates and make the names public for at least 30 days, and outlines additional related specifications including possible elimination of candidates, and specifies instructions for creating five subpools.
- Requires the Auditor-Controller of the County of Orange to randomly draw a commissioner from each of the five subpools and three additional commissioners.
- Requires the eight drawn members to review the remaining names and appoint eight additional members, including two alternates, and outlines considerations to be taken into account in choosing commissioners.
- Outlines guidelines for alternate members attending meetings.
- Outlines meeting related guidelines including quorum, term of office, attendance of public hearings.
- Prohibits the Commission from retaining a consultant who would not be qualified as an applicant and defines "consultant."
- Prohibits commissioners from endorsing, contributing, or working for a candidate for office in the County of Orange.
- Designates commissioners as employees for certain listed purposes.
- Requires the Commission to establish single-member supervisorial districts for the board with a list of criteria for the mapping process.
- Prohibits consideration of a candidate's residence in creation of maps and requires compliance with a certain existing act and specified codes.
- Directs the Commission to host seven public hearings, with certain related specifications, before drawing maps.
- Outlines steps and requirements for the Commission once draft maps are drawn, including holding specified public hearings.
- Requires the board to take all steps necessary to ensure a complete and accurate database for redistricting purposes, and provides related requirements.
- Specifies that all data and records related to redistricting are public records.
- Specifies the the Commission's map may be subject to referendum and that a report with certain content needs to be issued with the final map.
- Prohibits Commission members from being appointed to office for certain specified periods depending on the office, or the be a paid consultant to certain agencies or officials, or to be a lobbyist in the state.
- Outlines guidelines and requirements for the removal of a Commission member, and outlines guidelines for if a Commission member resigns or is removed to fill the vacancy.
- Outlines guidelines for choosing new members if the Commission's membership falls below nine members.
- Provides for applicable laws and reimbursements.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB37

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Release  
Read third time

OFFICIAL NAME

POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974: CAMPAIGN FUNDS:  
SECURITY EXPENSES

BILL SUMMARY

The Political Reform Act of 1974 regulates the use of campaign funds held by candidates for elective office, elected officers, and campaign committees. The act authorizes a candidate or elected officer to use campaign funds to pay or reimburse the state for the costs of installing and monitoring a home or office electronic security system if specified conditions are met. These conditions include that the candidate or elected officer has received threats to physical safety that have been verified by law enforcement, that no more than \$5,000 in campaign funds be used for this purpose, and that the candidate or elected officer report the expenditure of campaign funds to the Fair Political Practices Commission. This bill would eliminate those conditions. The bill would instead authorize a candidate or elected officer to use campaign funds to pay or reimburse the state for the reasonable costs of installing and monitoring a home or office electronic security system, and for the reasonable costs of providing personal security to a candidate, elected officer, or the immediate family and staff of a candidate or elected officer, if those costs are reasonably related to the candidate or elected officer's status as a candidate or elected officer. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB63

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/22/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

CANVASS OF THE VOTE: REPORTING RESULTS

BILL SUMMARY

Provides that a candidate who falsifies their residence for state legislative office will not be eligible to serve in the office.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB83

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
THIRD READING

OFFICIAL NAME

**POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974: CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY FOREIGN-INFLUENCED BUSINESS ENTITIES**

BILL SUMMARY

The Political Reform Act of 1974 regulates the use of campaign funds held by candidates for elective office, elected officers, and campaign committees. The act authorizes a candidate or elected officer to use campaign funds to pay or reimburse the state for the costs of installing and monitoring a home or office electronic security system if specified conditions are met. These conditions include that the candidate or elected officer has received threats to physical safety that have been verified by law enforcement, that no more than \$5,000 in campaign funds be used for this purpose, and that the candidate or elected officer report the expenditure of campaign funds to the Fair Political Practices Commission. This bill would eliminate those conditions. The bill would instead authorize a candidate or elected officer to use campaign funds to pay or reimburse the state for the reasonable costs of installing and monitoring a home or office electronic security system, and for the reasonable costs of providing personal security to a candidate, elected officer, or the immediate family and staff of a candidate or elected officer, if those costs are reasonably related to the candidate or elected officer's status as a candidate or elected officer.

This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB270

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974: PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill:

- States that all citizens should have an equal "voice" in the process for local and state elections. The growing cost of campaigns may lead to a disproportionate influence from wealthy donors.
- Establishes that a citizen funded election program can encourage candidates from all walks of life an equal opportunity to run for office.
- Establishes that a candidate may accept public money for campaigning.
- Allows qualified candidates to have equal access to a campaign public fund regardless of incumbency or political party.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB292

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/22/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

PRIMARY ELECTIONS: BALLOTS

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced on January 25, 2023, changes the statement language for political party preference notifications sent to voters who have not registered with a party affiliation. The notice will now include a list of parties where you can vote on their ballot even if you decline to be affiliated and contain language on how to vote by mail for a party primary they request to vote in.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB398

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/3/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

VOTING: REPLACEMENT BALLOTS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill modifies the process by which a voter may replace a lost or damaged absentee ballot. The bill requires elections administrators to replace any voter's ballot who makes such a request.



STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB421

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
SECOND READING

**OFFICIAL NAME**

**POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974: CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY FOREIGN-INFLUENCED BUSINESS ENTITIES**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Existing law requires a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition to contain specified language advising the public of its right to ask whether the person circulating the petition is a paid signature gatherer or a volunteer. Existing law requires specified language to be printed across the top of each page of a referendum. Existing law also requires each section of a petition or paper submitted to an elections official to have an attached declaration that includes information about its circulator. This bill, the Referendum Accountability Act of 2023, would, for a proposed statewide referendum measure, instead require a specified disclosure notifying the public that the petition circulator is receiving money or other valuable consideration for the purpose of soliciting signatures, or that the person is a volunteer or employee who spends minimal time circulating petitions. The bill would, for specified statewide referendum measures, require additional information be printed on the first page of the petition. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB453

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
2/7/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, makes no substantive changes.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB507

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/3/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill modifies the process by which a voter may replace a lost or damaged absentee ballot. The bill requires elections administrators to replace any voter's ballot who makes such a request.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB544

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
4/19/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

VOTING: COUNTY JAILS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill slightly modifies the specified duties of the Secretary of State to include the civic education of newly eligible voters.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB545

**MOST RECENT  
ACTION**  
5/22/2023

**STATUS**  
INTRODUCED

## OFFICIAL NAME

**ELECTIONS: ACCESS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

# BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill requires that voters with disabilities be able to vote outside of polling locations, that certain signage make voters with disabilities aware of their options for voting, and that magnifying glasses be made available at polling locations.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB622

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
2/17/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

RESIDENCY: DISPLACEMENT BY NATURAL  
DISASTER

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, makes no substantive changes.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB626

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

VOTING: RETURNING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS IN PERSON

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill allows voters voting in certain all-mailed ballot elections to return their ballot in person without the previously required identification envelope.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB737

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
2/23/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

REMOTE ACCESSIBLE VOTE BY MAIL SYSTEMS: TESTING AND EXAMINATION: REPORT

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill requires the Attorney General to provide a copy of a proposed initiative title, summary, and unique identifier to the Secretary of State within 20 days after receipt of the fiscal estimate or opinion prepared by the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst.



STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB764

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/22/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME  
**LOCAL REDISTRICTING**

BILL SUMMARY

As amended, this bill:

- Provides rules for redistricting the boundaries of elected members in municipalities and specifies that current members are not affected, and will continue to provide services, until their term expires or until there is a vacancy or recall election.
- Directs trustees of school district or community college districts with one or more multi-member trustee area to adopt boundaries where the population of each area is approximately proportional.
- Implements the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting of Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act of 2023 outlining post-decennial census redistricting guidelines for county, city, charter city, school district, community college district, and special districts.
- Provides detailed instructions to avoid discrimination, or favoring of certain individuals in the redistricting process, and to provide for language accommodations to language minority groups, and outlines deadlines and public notification and hearing requirements.
- Outlines procedures for if the redistricting body does not complete its work by specified deadlines, including superior court petitions and the like.
- Provides certain exceptions for the prohibition on redistricting between decennial census periods.
- Applies this bill for boundaries that are redistricted beginning on January 1, 2024.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB773

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/9/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: FILINGS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill:

- Requires the election official for a lead county to set the deadlines for the submittal of arguments for and against a district or school district measure and rebuttal arguments, submission by a certain date, and the election official for the lead county to choose which include the arguments in the voter information guide.
- Requires elections officials to post on the election official’s website and accept electronic submissions of candidate statements for inclusion in a voter information guide.

## OFFICIAL NAME

### ELECTIONS: LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY

## BILL SUMMARY

STATE : CA

### BILL NUMBER

AB884

### MOST RECENT ACTION

5/18/2023

### STATUS

Introduced

As introduced, this bill:

- Requires the Secretary of State to make public on the website a list of all languages spoken or used by at least 5,000 voting age people in the state, and languages spoken by at least 100 voting age people in the county, including those not subject to the Voting Rights Act, by January 1, 2025 and every January 1 after a presidential election year after.
- Requires the information be based on the best available data, with specifications.
- Lists all voting related forms, notices, state information guide, and the like to be translated and requires the Secretary of State to translate them into the identified languages, and provide them to voters consistent with existing law, and place them on the website.
- Requires the creation of a toll free voter assistance hotline at least 29 days before the election, until 5pm on the day after the election, and ensure it provides assistance in all the languages, and is accessible for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Lists requirements for provision of documents in translated languages, outreach, reporting, recruitment, and website notification at the county level.
- Requires counties to establish a language accessibility advisory committee by October 1, 2025 with certain requirements.
- Clarifies that the content of the state and county election websites must be translated and that requirements apply to all stages of the election process.
- Lists the Secretary of State's responsibilities regarding supervision, compliance, adoption of rules, and funding at the county level.
- Expands existing legislation from requires Spanish translation to translation in languages covered in the county per the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- Requires ballot design experts to demonstrate experience with ballot design, language, and accessibility.
- Provides that for certain languages, citizens will be consulted as to whether transliteration of candidates' names is appropriate.
- Expands the right to election materials in another language from if there are sufficient residents in your precinct, to sufficient residents in your precinct, county, or state.
- Provides that the number of election officials who speak a listed language, and their placement, will be determined based on the best available data about need, as well as cooperation of interested citizens.
- Adds a sixth category of person, who is a language speaker with equivalent qualifications, to the list of those who may translate ballot measures and ballot instructions.
- Adds information regarding a language hotline, including available languages, as an additional required element to required publicly posted information at each polling place.
- Clarifies that a specific Memorandum of the Secretary of State's County Clerk/Registrar of Voters will help the Secretary of State determine where it is appropriate to provide copies of the ballot, with ballot measures and instructions, in Spanish and other languages until December 31, 2029.
- Makes conforming changes.
- Makes clarifying edits.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB969

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/10/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: VOTING SYSTEMS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to a provision of election code.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1004

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL PETITIONS:  
SIGNATURES: VOTER NOTIFICATION

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill establishes a procedure by which voter's whose signature on a petition has been rejected may submit a statement to the relevant election official to verify their signature. The bill directs officials who reject a signature to contact the voter and inform them of the process by which they may verify their signature.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1037

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/22/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS: SIGNATURE VERIFICATION

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill requires that local election officials provide voters additional electronic means to send signature verification, in addition to the current possible forms of transmission, and makes conforming changes.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**

AB1206

**MOST RECENT  
ACTION**

5/18/2023

**STATUS**

Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE: ELECTRONIC  
REGISTRATION INFORMATION CENTER

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill:

- Requires the secretary of state to apply for membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center and to execute a membership agreement on behalf of the state.
- Requires the secretary of state to ensure confidential data provided from another secretary of state remains confidential.
- Authorizes the secretary of state to provide confidential information or data to those within the agreement.
- Authorizes the secretary of state to adopt necessary regulations to implement this code.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1219

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/17/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: BALLOTS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill:

- Strikes existing provisions requiring the use of a stamp or marking device in voting and instead requires the selection of a voting target on a ballot.
- Modifies ballot instructions for voting for US President.
- Modifies ballot language for special election ballots.
- Modifies ballot format guidelines for recall election ballots.
- Modifies ballot formatting guidelines for ballots for a vacancy for US Senator or House member, and state senator or house member.
- Modifies ballot formatting guidelines for multilingual ballots without sufficient space to print names in a certain font.
- Modifies ballot formatting guidelines for nonpartisan election ballots.
- Modifies ballot instructions for primary election ballots for candidates for delegate to the national convention.
- Modifies ballot formatting and language guidelines for statewide general election ballots.
- Specifies that the size of the "voting target" should be at least 0.12 inches.
- Requires a multi-page ballot to include instructions to continue to the next page or next card.
- Removes the option of ballot counting via a punchcard device.
- Modifies language to be gender neutral.
- Makes conforming changes.



STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1227

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/11/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill allows the County of Santa Clara to adopt ranked choice voting to elect an officer of the county.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1248

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/22/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

LOCAL REDISTRICTING: INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS.

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill:

- Adds city and charter jurisdictions to existing election code related to county and city elections.
- Adds independent redistricting commissions created by local ordinance, resolution or charter amendment to existing election code regarding hybrid and independent redistricting commissions.
- Modifies the number of required hearings for a commission holding hearings regarding new maps from "at least three" to at least three, or the number of hearings that would otherwise apply to the legislative body, whichever is greater.
- Supplies an exception for the prohibition on modifying district boundaries between census periods, allowing modification in the case of changes through annexation or consolidation.
- Makes conforming changes.
- Makes clarifying edits.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1539

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: DOUBLE VOTING

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill establishes that it is a misdemeanor for a voter to attempt to vote in California and another state on the same date.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1559

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

**OFFICIAL NAME**

**ELECTIONS: SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 OF THE 2021-22 REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARY**

As introduced, this bill:

- Allows the Secretary of State to create more requirements for ballot creation, storage, absentee ballot process, and security.
- Requires vendors that create ballots or the on demand ballot system to alert the Secretary of State within 24 hours after detecting a flaw that would impact voting or tabulating.
- Requires paper cast vote records to be kept after the election in addition to voted ballots.
- Requires electronic data to be kept for 22 months for federal elections and 6 months for other elections.
- Makes it a crime to have unauthorized access to passwords or keys to voting machines, give or have unauthorized access to voting technology or ballot cards, or make or have copies of electronic data.
- Allows for getting rid of voting technology after receiving approval from the Secretary of State and manufacturer.
- Prohibits a network connection to voting systems unless necessary and wireless or modem communication.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1595

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, would repeal the laws prohibiting those convicted of a felony and serving time in state or federal prison from voting if the ACA regarding felon voting rights is approved by voters.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1663

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
2/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill requires the secretary of state to make publicly available, including publishing on the secretary of state’s website, a report stating whether the remote accessible vote by mail system has been certified, conditionally approved, or withheld within 60 days after examination.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1688

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

VOTER REGISTRATION: CANCELLATION: DECEASED PERSONS

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, makes no substantive changes.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
AB1762

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/10/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS OMNIBUS BILL.

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill:

- Authorizes any qualified county to conduct a special election as an all mailed ballot election, and strikes a provision allowing only certain counties to do so.
- Repeals an election code for January 1, 2020 implementation allowing the County of Los Angeles to conduct any election as a vote center election in certain circumstances.
- Prohibits a candidate from designating him- or herself as an incumbent if the candidate is running in a district based election but previously held an an at-large seat.
- Strikes a provision allowing any voter to request a recount for a statewide race or measure after completion of the post-canvass risk-limiting audit.



STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
ACA4

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill proposes a Constitutional amendment to be decided upon by the voter whether or not to repeal the disqualification of convicted felons from voting while incarcerated.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB24

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

**OFFICIAL NAME**

POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974: PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING

**BILL SUMMARY**

Amends when a "direct primary" and "presidential primary" will be held, deleting a specific day in March and codifying an unspecified date.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB25

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
4/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY: NOTARY

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill authorizes a candidate who will not be in the state during the entire nomination period to appear before a notary public in another state to complete their declaration of candidacy.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB52

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/22/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

**REDISTRICTING: LARGE CHARTER CITIES**

BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes the City of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission to adjust districts for the Los Angeles City Council after each decennial census.
- Outlines Commission membership requirements and selection process, membership size, and duties.
- Outlines City of Los Angeles responsibilities.
- Outlines timelines.
- Defines relevant terms.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB77

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

VOTING: SIGNATURE VERIFICATION: NOTICE

BILL SUMMARY

This bill will require the county election official to notify via text or email in addition to mail, if possible, vote by mail voters with a non-matching signature so that the voter can cure the ballot.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB297

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/15/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

**ELECTIONS: INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA:  
WITHDRAWAL**

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill changes the manner in which ballot initiatives and referenda may be withdrawn from the ballot. Existing law requires that all proponents of a given referendum or initiative to file a written notice with the appropriate official to effect a withdrawal while this bill requires only a majority of the referendum or initiative's proponents to submit such a request.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB298

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
3/29/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill requires the Attorney General to provide a copy of a proposed initiative title, summary, and unique identifier to the Secretary of State within 20 days after receipt of the fiscal estimate or opinion prepared by the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst.

## OFFICIAL NAME

County of Sacramento Redistricting Commission

## BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill:

- Establishes a Citizens Redistricting Commission in the County of Sacramento.
- Defines relevant terms.
- Establishes that the Commission should be created no later than December 31, 2030, and in each year ending in zero thereafter.
- Emphasizes that the goal for the makeup of the Commission is to be representative of the county's diversity and independent of influence by the board.
- Provides that the Commission will be made up of 14 members, with political party preferences being proportional to the total number of voters registered to the party, or not registered with a party, providing that it is not required to be exactly proportional.
- Requires that at least one commissioner reside in each of the five supervisorial districts.
- Lists required qualifications of commissioners.
- Stipulates that there should be an application process and requires the county election official to fulfill a specified review of applications.
- Requires the Auditor Controller to conduct a random drawing to select one commissioner for each of the five districts, and to select three additional commissioners.
- Requires the eight selected commissioners to review the remaining applicants and to appoint six additional applicants, based on specified criteria.
- Specifies the term of office, what constitutes quorum, what constitutes an affirmative vote, and outlines guidelines and prohibitions in retaining a consultant.
- Establishes that each Commission member will be designated an employee for certain purposes.
- Outlines guidelines and rules to follow in establishing single member supervisorial districts for the board.
- Establishes other rules for redistricting, including following existing laws and regulations, holding hearings, public information, translation, and the like.
- Outlines a deadline plan for final maps, establishes that the plan will be subject to referendum, and requires a report.
- Stipulates that commissioners are ineligible to hold elective office for five years after appointment, and adds other related

STATE : CA

### BILL NUMBER

SB314

### MOST RECENT ACTION

5/22/2023

### STATUS

Passed one chamber



STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB328

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
SECOND READING

OFFICIAL NAME

**POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974: CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

BILL SUMMARY

The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits a person, other than a small contributor committee or political party committee, from making to a candidate for elective state, county, or city office, and prohibits those candidates from accepting from a person, a contribution totaling more than \$3,000 per election, as that amount is adjusted by the Fair Political Practices Commission in January of every odd-numbered year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. This bill would apply those contribution limits to candidates for school district, community college district, and other special district elections. The bill would make certain other provisions of the act relating to contribution limits applicable to candidates for district office. However, the bill would authorize school districts, community college districts, and other special districts to impose contribution limits on candidates for district office that differ from the limits imposed by the act, as provided. This bill would retain the existing provisions of law until January 1, 2025, and on that date would repeal the existing law and make operative the provisions of the bill described in this paragraph.

This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB386

**MOST RECENT  
ACTION**  
5/22/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill:

- Requires elections official to determine the number of qualified voters who have signed a ballot petition within 60 days after notification of meeting the number of required signatures, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, or between 29 days before through 30 days after a statewide election and held in March or November of an even-numbered year.
- Requires city officials to publish specific information for candidate's for city election on the city's website no later than 3 days before the deadline for the submission of nomination papers.
- Repeals required ballot language about presidential elections.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB409

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill requires the secretary of state to establish a pilot program that allows a candidate to include a QR code with a link to a video statement in the state voter information guide in 1-4 counties. The bill also requires a candidate who is submitting a statement for a voter information guide to physically write the statement in a county elections office or a similar designated place.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB437

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
4/10/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: CANDIDATES

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill requires that qualified political parties submit the names of their presidential and vice-presidential nominees to the Secretary of State by the 75th day before the general election. This bill also provides that candidates who change their names within one year of an election shall have their original names printed on the ballot unless the name change was made by marriage, court decree, or the candidate is a nominee for president or vice-president.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB518

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS

BILL SUMMARY

As introduced, this bill modifies the number of days election officials have to prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body from "within 30 days of the election" to a requirement to submit it on the 30th calendar day following the election, and this bill also includes clarifying edits to existing code.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**

SB532

**MOST RECENT  
ACTION**

5/22/2023

**STATUS**

Introduced

**OFFICIAL NAME**

**BALLOT MEASURES: LOCAL TAXES**

**BILL SUMMARY**

This bill, as introduced, provides an exemption from the tax impact requirement for ballot initiatives if it increases or adds taxes with more than 1 rate or issues bonds. Instead, these measures would be required to reference the voter guide for a longer statement. The bill would also require these measures be given a statement that details the details of the tax imposed.

STATE : CA

OFFICIAL NAME

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS.

BILL SUMMARY

**BILL NUMBER**

SB632

**MOST RECENT  
ACTION**

5/22/2023

**STATUS**

Introduced

As amended, this bill:

- Provides that a candidate may submit an electronic candidate statement on the election official's website.
- Provides that if a candidate is running in a multi-county district, the election official of each county must accept the form as approved by the county of the candidate's residence, or by the secretary of state, but requires the candidate to also provide each county with a paper copy of the statement and payment of the fee.
- Requires the candidate to also include an electronic copy of the secretary of state's approval where appropriate.
- Prohibits election officials requiring additional forms to correct a website posting error made by an election official.
- Furnishes that an election official may require a candidate to provide additional information to comply with state law and county voter information guide requirements.
- Repeals existing code by July 1, 2026 regarding the procedure for a candidate to submit a candidate statement for the county voter information guide.
- Makes conforming changes.
- Provides that submitted statements are confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB678

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
ELECTIONS

OFFICIAL NAME

**ELECTIONS: DISCLOSURES**

BILL SUMMARY

Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing and related matters, including by prohibiting, limiting, or requiring disclosure of certain political activities and by regulating certain political advertisements. This bill would require a person who is paid by a committee to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure on an internet website, web application, or digital application, as specified, to include a disclaimer, stating that they were paid by the committee in connection with the post. The bill would also require a committee to notify the person posting the content of the disclaimer requirement. Under this bill, if a person fails to post the disclaimer, they would not be subject to administrative penalties, but the Commission would be authorized to seek injunctive relief to compel disclosure. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.



STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB718

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: OFFICIAL CANVASS: UNPROCESSED  
BALLOTS

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, requires the election office to include the number of vote by mail ballots not processed due to missing signature and number not processed because signatures is yet to be verified in the election results.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB789

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Passed one chamber

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 OF THE 2021-22 REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, makes no substantive changes.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB798

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
4/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: LOCAL BOND MEASURES: TAX RATE STATEMENT

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, requires estimated taxes in bond measures submitted to voters be included at a rate per \$100,000 of assessed valuation on property (previously was rate per \$100).

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB821

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
4/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

ELECTIONS: SECRETARY OF STATE

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, changes the location of determining a winner by lot in the event of a tie (for elections that fall under that process) to the Secretary of State's office from the previous location of the Secretary of State's office at the State Capitol.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB846

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/18/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

**OFFICIAL NAME**

**VOTER REGISTRATION: CALIFORNIA NEW MOTOR VOTER PROGRAM**

**BILL SUMMARY**

This bill, as introduced, requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to submit information to the Secretary of State for individuals applying for a driver's license if the individual proves citizenship and voting eligibility. This would become part of the existing New Motor Voter Program. It prohibits the department from including any individual who share documentation that shows they are not a US citizen. It allows the Secretary of State to determine what agencies are a voter registration agency and requires them to report to the Secretary of State on registered voters.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SB858

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/1/2023

**STATUS**  
Introduced

OFFICIAL NAME

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM MEASURES: TITLE AND SUMMARY

BILL SUMMARY

This bill, as introduced, changes the officeholder responsible for composing the summary and financial impact estimate of initiatives from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst if the ACA regarding this matter gets voter approval.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SCA1

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/8/2023

**STATUS**  
BE ADOPTED AND RE-REFER TO COM. ON APPR

OFFICIAL NAME

**ELECTIONS: RECALL OF STATE OFFICERS**

BILL SUMMARY

The California Constitution provides that voters may recall a state officer by majority vote and, in the same election, elect a successor with a plurality of the vote. The Constitution prohibits an officer who is the subject of a recall election from being a candidate for successor. The Constitution provides that the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor, and requires the Lieutenant Governor to act as Governor during the impeachment, absence from the state, or other temporary disability of the Governor or of a Governor-elect who fails to take office. When a recall of the Governor is initiated, the Constitution requires the Lieutenant Governor to perform the recall duties of the Governor. The Constitution requires the Governor to fill vacancies in certain judicial and executive offices by appointment, as specified.

This measure would eliminate the successor election for a recalled state officer and instead provide, in the event an officer is removed in a recall election, that the office will remain vacant until it is filled in accordance with the Constitution and statute. The measure would repeal the prohibition against the officer subject to the recall being a candidate to fill the office in a special election, but would prohibit the appointment of the officer subject to the recall election to fill the vacancy. This bill contains other existing laws.

STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SCA2

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/8/2023

**STATUS**  
BE ADOPTED AND RE-REFER TO COM. ON APPR

OFFICIAL NAME

**ELECTIONS: VOTER QUALIFICATIONS**

BILL SUMMARY

The California Constitution allows a United States citizen who is at least 18 years of age and a resident of California to vote. This measure would reduce the minimum voting age to 17.



STATE : CA

**BILL NUMBER**  
SCA3

**MOST RECENT ACTION**  
5/8/2023

**STATUS**  
BE ADOPTED AND RE-REFER TO COM. ON APPR

OFFICIAL NAME

**ELECTIONS: INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA**

BILL SUMMARY

The California Constitution provides that the electors may propose a statute or an amendment to the California Constitution by initiative and approve or reject a statute by referendum. An initiative measure may be proposed by presenting to the Secretary of State a petition that sets forth the text of the proposed statute or amendment to the Constitution and is certified to have been signed by the required number of electors, as prescribed. A referendum measure may be proposed by presenting to the Secretary of State a petition that sets forth the statute or part of the statute to be submitted to the electors, and is certified to have been signed by the required number of electors. Before the circulation of an initiative or referendum petition for signatures, the California Constitution requires that a copy of the petition be submitted to the Attorney General, who must prepare a title and summary of the measure. Existing statutory law also directs the Attorney General to prepare the ballot label and the ballot title and summary that is included in the state voter information guide for each measure that appears on a statewide ballot. This measure would transfer from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst the duty of preparing the title and summary for a proposed initiative or referendum. The measure would also require, for each measure that appears on a statewide ballot, the Legislative Analyst to prepare the ballot label and the ballot title and summary for the state voter information guide.