

## Elections-Related Measures Approved by the Legislature in 2015 Assembly Measures

Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 10	Gatto	Requires public officials to provide greater detail about their financial interests when publicly disclosing those interests, as required by law. Increases the thresholds at which a public official's financial interest can potentially create a conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act.	Vetoed 10/10/15 <a href="#">Click for Veto Message</a>
AB 44	Mullin	Creates a new state-funded recount process, as specified.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 723
AB 182	Alejo	Expands the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) to allow challenges to district-based elections to be brought under the CVRA, as specified.	Vetoed 10/10/15 <a href="#">Click for Veto Message</a>
AB 254	R. Hernández	Requires general law cities, school districts, community college districts, and special districts to hold their general elections and certain special elections at the same time as the statewide primary or statewide general election, or in June or November of odd-numbered years, beginning in 2020.	Vetoed 10/1/15 <a href="#">Click for Veto Message</a>
AB 277	R. Hernández	Provides that the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 applies to charter cities, charter counties, and charter cities and counties.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 724
AB 363	Steinorth	Authorizes county elections officials, on election day, to begin accounting and processing polling place ballots during the day, instead of waiting until the closing of the polls, as specified.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 725
AB 370	Brown	Specifies that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, with the intent to mislead the voters, he or she assumes, pretends, or implies by his or her campaign materials that he or she is the incumbent of a public office, or has been acting in the capacity of a public officer, when that is not the case.	Signed 7/15/15 Chapter 105
AB 477	Mullin	Allows a voter who failed to sign his or her vote by mail identification envelope to complete and sign an unsigned ballot statement up to eight days after the election, as specified, in order to have his or her ballot counted. Establishes procedures for the Green Party to participate in the presidential primary, authorizes the Green Party to establish county councils by election, as specified, and establishes a Green Party state coordinating committee, as specified.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 726
AB 547	Gonzalez	Expands a previously-authorized mailed ballot election pilot project in San Diego County to allow certain local elections held in San Diego County to be conducted	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 727

		pursuant to the provisions of that project. Extends the pilot project by one year.	
AB 554	Mullin	Authorizes an elections official to appoint a pupil, who is a lawful permanent resident of the United States, to serve as a precinct board member.	Signed 8/10/15 Chapter 150
AB 562	Holden	Moves the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction up on the ballot so that it appears immediately after the races for state Assembly.	Vetoed 10/10/15 <a href="#">Click for Veto Message</a>
AB 594	Gordon	Eliminates certain campaign reporting requirements. Standardizes the dates by which preelection reports must be filed. Requires contributions and independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more that are received or made on election day to be reported within 24 hours. Increases the amount of contributions that an entity must receive in a calendar year in order to be considered a "committee" under the Political Reform Act from \$1,000 to \$2,000.	Signed 9/30/15 Chapter 364
AB 683	Low	Requires the Secretary of State to establish a Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee to make recommendations related to improving the accessibility of elections for voters with disabilities, as specified.	Signed 9/28/15 Chapter 334
AB 809	Obernolte	Requires the ballot, if a proposed local initiative imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, to include in the statement of the ordinance to be voted on the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied.	Signed 9/28/15 Chapter 337
AB 952	C. Garcia	Requires, if a city council fills a vacancy in an elective city office by appointment and that vacancy occurs before a specified time during the first half of the term of office, that a special election be held to fill the remainder of the term.	Signed 8/12/15 Chapter 185
AB 990	Bonilla	Increases the size and prominence of disclosure statements that are required to appear on certain campaign advertisements.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 747
AB 1020	Ridley-Thomas	Provides for the deployment of the federally mandated VoteCal statewide voter registration database.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 728
AB 1083	Eggman	Permits the City of Stockton and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) to enter into an agreement that provides for the FPPC to enforce a local campaign finance ordinance passed by the City of Stockton.	Signed 8/12/15 Chapter 186
AB 1100	Low	Increases the fee to submit a proposed state ballot initiative to the Attorney General for preparation of the circulating title and summary from \$200 to \$2,000.	Signed 9/1/15 Chapter 229
AB 1148	B. Gaines	Requires Republican county central committee members in Placer County to be elected by supervisorial district, and provides for seven members to be elected from each district.	Signed 7/15/15 Chapter 111
AB 1301	Jones-Sawyer	Establishes a state "preclearance" system under which certain political subdivisions are required to get approval from the Secretary of State before implementing	Vetoed 10/10/15 <a href="#">Click for Veto Message</a>

		specified policy changes related to elections.	
AB 1443	Chau	Requires the Secretary of State to establish a Language Accessibility Advisory Committee, as specified.	Signed 9/28/15 Chapter 347
AB 1461	Gonzalez	Provides for every person who has a driver's license or state identification card and who is eligible to register to vote to be registered to vote, unless that person opts out, as specified.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 729
AB 1504	Alejo	Authorizes Monterey and Sacramento Counties to participate in an ongoing pilot project that allows certain elections to be conducted entirely by mailed ballot.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 730
AB 1535	E&R Committee	Makes various minor changes to state law governing elections.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 731
AB 1536	E&R Committee	Updates various cross references in the California Elections Code to reflect a reorganization of federal laws dealing with elections.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 732
AB 1544	Cooley	Provides that a payment made by a state, local, or federal governmental agency that is made principally for legislative or governmental purposes does not need to be reported as a behested payment, as specified.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 756
AJR 13	Ridley-Thomas	Recognizes August 6, 2015, as the 50th anniversary of the signing of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 and urges the Congress and President of the United States to continue to secure citizens' rights to vote and remedy any racial discrimination in voting.	Chaptered 9/21/15 Resolution Chapter 193

## Elections-Related Measures Approved by the Legislature in 2015 Senate Measures

Bill	Author	Description	Status
SB 21	Hill	Requires specified nonprofit organizations that make payments for travel by public officials to disclose the names of certain donors. Requires a public official who receives a gift of travel to disclose the destination of the travel.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 757
SB 365	Pavley	Authorizes county elections officials to establish vote by mail ballot drop-off locations, as specified.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 733
SB 366	Nguyen	Expands the pool of qualified translators and interpreters available to county elections officials for translating voting materials, as specified.	Signed 8/7/15 Chapter 144
SB 415	Hueso	Prohibits a local government, beginning January 1, 2018, from holding an election on any date other than a statewide election date if doing so in the past has resulted in turnout that is at least 25% below the average turnout in that jurisdiction in the last four statewide general elections, as specified.	Signed 9/1/15 Chapter 235
SB 439	Allen	Permits elections officials to offer conditional voter registration at satellite offices prior to election day, as specified. Establishes processes and procedures for the review and approval of ballot on demand systems and electronic poll books, as defined, for use in California elections.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 734
SB 493	Cannella	Permits a city with a population of fewer than 100,000 people to change the method of electing council members to a by-district method of election without receiving voter approval.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 735
SB 505	Mendoza	Eliminates the requirement that the Voter Bill of Rights be worded as currently specified in statute, and instead authorizes the Secretary of State to revise the wording as necessary to ensure that the language used is clear and concise and free from technical terms.	Signed 9/1/15 Chapter 236
SB 589	Block	Requires an individual with a disability to be presumed mentally competent to vote, regardless of his or her conservatorship status, if the court finds that the person can communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process.	Signed 10/10/15 Chapter 736
SB 704	T. Gaines	Creates new "remote interest" exceptions to Government Code Section 1090—a state law governing conflicts of interest in contracts—to allow a governmental entity to enter into a contract with a firm where an owner or partner of the firm	Signed 10/4/15 Chapter 495

		serves as an appointed member of an unelected board or commission to the governmental entity, if certain conditions are met; and to allow a governmental body to enter into a contract with an engineering, architectural, or planning firm that employs a member of the board or body, if certain conditions are met.	
SJR 13	De León	Urges the United States (U.S.) Supreme Court to uphold the U.S. Constitution's principle of "one person, one vote" in the case of <i>Evenwel v. Abbott</i> .	Chaptered 9/4/15 Resolution Chapter 160

Bill Signed by Governor

Bill Vetoed by Governor

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