

Date of Hearing: May 13, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING

Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, Chair

AB 1536 (Committee on Elections and Redistricting) – As Introduced March 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Elections.

SUMMARY: Updates various cross references in the California Elections Code to reflect a reorganization of federal laws dealing with elections. Makes various technical changes.

FISCAL EFFECT: None. This bill is keyed non-fiscal by the Legislative Counsel.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose of the Bill:** Last summer, the federal Office of the Law Revision Counsel announced that various provisions of federal law relating to voting and elections would be transferred from titles 2 and 42 of the United States Code to a new title 52. The Office of Law Revision Counsel, which is responsible for maintaining and publishing the United States Code, reorganized these provisions pursuant to an "editorial reclassification" under which provisions of law are relocated from one place to another in the Code without substantive change.

Various provisions of the California Elections Code include cross-references to relevant provisions of federal law related to voting and elections. Due to the editorial reclassification of federal law, those cross-references are out of date. This bill updates the cross-references to federal law contained in 40 different sections of the California Elections Code in order to conform with the federal reorganization of laws related to elections.

- 2) **Conflicting Legislation:** Because this bill affects a large number of provisions of the Elections Code, and contains only minor and technical changes, this bill contains language to provide that any conflicting legislation that is enacted this year and takes effect by January 1, 2016, will prevail over the changes proposed by this bill. The inclusion of that language in this bill ensures that the minor changes in this bill will not chapter out more substantive changes that are made by other legislation.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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