

Elections-Related Measures Approved by the Legislature in 2023

Assembly Measures

Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 34	Valencia	Creates a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Orange County.	Signed 10/7/23 Chapter 315
AB 37	Bonta	Authorizes campaign funds to be used for costs related to security expenses, as defined, to protect a candidate, elected officer, or the immediate family or staff of a candidate or elected officer.	Vetoed 10/8/23 Click for Veto Message
AB 63	Cervantes	Requires elections officials to update election results at least once a week until the results are complete, except as specified. Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to notify the Legislature if a candidate who apparently was elected to the Legislature was not continuously registered to vote in their district from the time the candidate filed for office until the SOS notifies the Legislature that the person apparently was elected.	Signed 10/8/23 Chapter 514
AB 292	Pellerin	Requires a ballot provided to a voter who is registered without a political party preference (commonly referred to as a No Party Preference (NPP) voter) for use in voting at a presidential primary election to advise the voter how to request and vote a partisan ballot (also known as a crossover ballot). Permits an NPP voter to send a text message to request a crossover ballot.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 646
AB 334	B. Rubio	Clarifies the circumstances under which a public entity that employed an independent contractor for one phase of a project may hire the same contractor for a subsequent phase of the project.	Signed 9/30/23 Chapter 263
AB 398	Pellerin	Allows an elections official to provide a replacement vote by mail ballot to a voter without the need for the voter to provide a specified statement under penalty of perjury, if specified conditions are met.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 650
AB 421	Bryan	Requires, for a state referendum, that voters be asked to choose between the options "Keep the law" or "Overturn the law" rather than being asked to vote "Yes" or "No." Requires the top campaign funders of an effort to qualify a state referendum to be listed in the state voter information guide. Extends the period during which a state referendum can be withdrawn from the ballot.	Signed 9/8/23 Chapter 162

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AB 507	Bryan	Allows the Governor to designate an alternative location for California's presidential electors to meet if it is unsafe for the electors to meet at the State Capitol due to a state of emergency. Changes the date that electors meet to conform to a recent change in federal law.	Signed 7/21/23 Chapter 88
AB 545	Pellerin	Permits a voter with a disability to vote outside any polling place (also referred to as "curbside" voting). Eliminates provisions of law that require a voter to declare under oath that they are unable to mark their ballot in order to receive assistance marking their ballot.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 658
AB 626	Pellerin	Allows a voter to return their vote by mail ballot to an in-person voting location, without placing the ballot into a ballot identification envelope, if specified conditions are met.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 661
AB 764	Bryan	Makes county boards of education and special, school, and community college districts subject to criteria and process requirements similar to those that apply to counties and cities when adjusting the boundaries of the districts used to elect governing body members. Increases public hearing and outreach requirements that apply to local jurisdictions when adjusting boundaries.	Signed 10/7/23 Chapter 343
AB 773	Pellerin	Requires all arguments and rebuttals related to a ballot measure in a district or school district that encompasses more than one county to be submitted to a "lead county." Requires a county elections official to post and accept an electronic submission of a form for a candidate to submit a statement for inclusion in the voter information guide. Allows a candidate running in a multicounty district to submit their candidate statement form by mail.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 664

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AB 969	Pellerin	Prohibits an elections official from performing a manual vote count in an election held on an established election date if there are more than 1,000 eligible registered voters, or an election held on any other date if there are more than 5,000 eligible registered voters, as specified. Requires an elections official or any jurisdiction that administers elections to use a certified voting system for accessible voting and to tabulate votes, and prohibits a jurisdiction from terminating a contract for an existing certified voting system unless the jurisdiction has signed a new contract for a certified voting system.	Signed 10/4/23 Chapter 300
AB 1037	Berman	Permits a voter who has a missing signature or a mismatched signature on their vote by mail ballot identification envelope to return a completed signature verification statement or unsigned identification envelope statement by electronic means, in addition to other means permitted under existing law, if such means are made available by the elections official.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 673
AB 1219	Berman	Deletes, revises, and recasts ballot design requirements.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 676
AB 1227	Low	Allows Santa Clara County to use ranked choice voting to elect county officers.	Signed 10/7/23 Chapter 362
AB 1248	Bryan	Requires a county or city with more than 300,000 residents, or a school or community college district with more than 500,000 residents, to establish an independent redistricting commission to adopt district boundaries after each federal decennial census.	Vetoed 10/7/23 Click for Veto Message
AB 1539	Berman	Prohibits a person from voting in an election in California and in an election in another state on the same date.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 692
AB 1761	Elections Cmte.	Specifies that for the purpose of state law governing the operations of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission), a “day” is calculated as the period of elapsed time that begins at midnight and ends 24 hours later at the next midnight. Specifies that the Commission is permitted to rotate the members who serve in the role of Chair and Vice Chair.	Signed 9/1/23 Chapter 146

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AB 1762	Elections Cmte.	Makes various minor and technical changes to the Elections Code.	Signed 10/8/23 Chapter 479
ACA 13	Ward	Requires an initiative constitutional amendment to comply with any increased voter approval threshold that it seeks to impose on future ballot measures. Guarantees in the state constitution the ability of local governments to submit advisory questions to voters.	Approved by Legislature 9/14/23

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SB 25	Skinner	Permits a candidate who will not be in California during the candidate nomination period to appear before a notary public of another state to complete their declaration of candidacy.	Signed 6/29/23 Chapter 26
SB 29	Glazer	Permits the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) to develop an educational program that may be completed by persons who commit low-level violations of the Political Reform Act, in lieu of being subject to an enforcement proceeding. Allows the FPPC to charge a fee for participating in such a program.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 696
SB 52	Durazo	Requires a charter city with a population of 2.5 million or more to establish an independent redistricting commission to adopt district boundaries after each federal decennial census.	Vetoed 10/7/23 Click for Veto Message
SB 77	Umberg	Requires an elections official to notify a voter by telephone, text, or email of the opportunity to fix a problem with the voter's signature on a vote by mail ballot identification envelope so that the ballot can be counted.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 701
SB 297	Allen	Allows the proponents of a statewide initiative or referendum to withdraw the measure contingent on the enactment of a particular legislative measure. Reduces, from <i>all</i> to a <i>majority</i> of the proponents, the number of proponents of a statewide initiative or referendum who must agree to withdraw the measure after the petitions for that measure have been filed, as specified.	Signed 10/8/23 Chapter 483
SB 314	Ashby	Requires the creation of a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Sacramento County.	Signed 10/7/23 Chapter 389
SB 386	Newman	Modifies various timelines by which elections officials must complete existing duties.	Signed 10/13/23 Chapter 870
SB 437	Dodd	Requires each political party to notify the Secretary of State of the names of its candidates for President and Vice President by the 75th day before the presidential general election.	Signed 7/13/23 Chapter 72
SB 485	Becker	Expands an existing crime that makes it a felony to interfere with the officers holding an election or conducting a canvass, or a voter exercising their right to vote.	Signed 10/8/23 Chapter 611

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SB 658	McGuire	Makes various minor modifications to the process by which candidates for Governor of California at a primary election must provide copies of their income tax returns to the Secretary of State for public viewing in order to appear on the ballot, and makes that requirement applicable to candidates at gubernatorial recall elections.	Signed 10/13/23 Chapter 880
SB 678	Umberg	Requires online political content to include a disclaimer if the person posting the content is being paid by a political committee to do so, as specified.	Signed 9/1/23 Chapter 156
SB 681	Allen	Reduces, from 12 to eight days, the amount of time that a bill amending the Political Reform Act (PRA) must be in print before it can be taken up for final passage, except when the previous form of the bill did not amend the PRA.	Signed 10/8/23 Chapter 499
SB 789	Allen	Requires the Secretary of State to submit three specified legislative constitutional amendments to the voters for their approval at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election, as specified.	Signed 10/11/23 Chapter 787
SB 798	Glazer	Requires the tax rate statement that is required to be included in the sample ballot for local bond measures to include a tax rate per \$100,000 of assessed valuation on all property to be taxed to fund a bond issue, instead of a tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation on all property to be taxed to fund the bond.	Signed 10/10/23 Chapter 720

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