

Elections-Related Measures Approved by the Legislature in 2025

Assembly Measures

Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 5	Berman	Requires county elections officials to report vote totals for all ballots, except specified types of ballots that require special processing, by the 13th day after the election.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 250
AB 16	Alanis	Conforms state law governing the processing of vote by mail (VBM) ballot return envelopes and ballots to a recent change in state law that allows elections officials to begin sending VBM ballots to voters earlier than the 29th day before the election.	Signed 10/1/25 Chapter 140
AB 17	Alanis	Requires an elections official to make digital versions of precinct maps available to the public free of charge.	Signed 7/30/25 Chapter 80
AB 94	Bennett	Prohibits a recalled local officer from being appointed to fill the resulting vacancy.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 251
AB 287	Lackey	Clarifies and expands the requirements of public buildings serving as a polling locations.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 253
AB 359	Ramos	Removes the January 1, 2026, sunset date from a provision of law that authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to contract with a local government agency, upon mutual agreement, to administer, implement, and enforce the agency's local campaign finance or government ethics laws.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 257
AB 604	Aguiar-Curry	Specifies the boundaries for California's congressional districts, to take effect only if the voters approve ACA 8 (Rivas and McGuire) of the current legislative session at the November 4, 2025, statewide special election.	Signed 8/21/25 Chapter 96
AB 699	Stefani	Requires, upon request, 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.	Vetoed 10/1/25 Veto Message
AB 789	Bonta	Allows a candidate or elected official, until 2029, to use an unlimited amount of campaign funds for security expenses to protect a candidate, elected officer, or the immediate family or staff of a candidate or elected officer, as specified.	Signed 10/11/25 Chapter 621

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AB 808	Addis	Eliminates the option for certain campaign disclosure reports to be filed by fax. Provides for a required independent expenditure (IE) verification statement to appear only on the semiannual or preelection campaign statement that discloses the IE. Updates terms used in state law to reflect the electronic filing of required campaign-related reports.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 278
AB 827	Berman	Requires that voters be given until the 22nd day after each regularly scheduled statewide election to submit a vote by mail (VBM) ballot signature verification statement or an unsigned identification statement (hereinafter referred to collectively as "signature cure forms") in order to resolve specified issues with their VBM ballots. Makes various other changes to state law related to the process for voters to resolve specified issues with VBM ballots.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 279
AB 930	Ward	Makes various changes to state law governing voter-requested recounts of election results. Standardizes laws related to the receipt of vote by mail ballots.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 282
AB 953	Pacheco	Prohibits foreign nationals, except for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients, from making campaign contributions or expenditures in connection with state and local elections, and prohibits the solicitation of contributions from such foreign nationals.	Signed 10/1/25 Chapter 170
AB 1029	Valencia	Expands the definition of "investment," for purposes of the Political Reform Act, to include a digital financial asset, and requires specified public officials to disclose their interests in digital financial assets on their statement of economic interests (SEI), as specified. Requires an agency's conflict of interest code to require designated employees to disclose their interests in digital financial assets on their SEI, as specified.	Signed 7/30/25 Chapter 85

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Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 1072	Pellerin	Requires the Secretary of State (SOS), in consultation with county elections officials, to develop uniform standards and guidelines for a voter to correct mistakes made on the voter's ballot. Permits the SOS to adopt appropriate regulations for the purpose of ensuring uniform application of the standards and guidelines.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 289
AB 1079	Ávila Farías	Provides for a superior court order to be enforced during a pending appeal in cases involving state laws that restrict at-large elections or that are related to the adoption of local electoral district boundaries, except as specified.	Signed 10/1/25 Chapter 178
AB 1249	Wilson	Requires a county that does not conduct their elections under the Voter's Choice Act model to provide early voting on the Saturday before statewide elections, as specified.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 296
AB 1286	Boerner	Requires certain public officials to disclose an arrangement for prospective employment on an official's statement of economic interests.	Signed 10/1/25 Chapter 186
AB 1370	Patterson	Prohibits a Member of the Legislature from entering into or requesting a nondisclosure agreement in connection with negotiations over legislation, as specified.	Signed 10/1/25 Chapter 191
AB 1392	Sharp- Collins	Makes the voter registration records of elected officials and candidates for elective office confidential, thereby making information from those records unavailable for election, scholarly, or political purposes, as specified.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 300
AB 1411	Sharp- Collins	Requires a county that does not conduct their elections in accordance with the Voter's Choice Act model to design and implement an updated voter education and outreach plan.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 301
AB 1441	Soria	Creates a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Merced County.	Signed 10/13/25
AB 1511	Elections Committee	Clarifies that a candidate who has raised money for a candidacy for one office, but who does not run in the primary election for that office, may transfer the campaign contributions raised for the primary and general election to a committee established by the candidate to run for a different office. Standardizes the terminology used in the Political Reform Act to refer to official election publications. Makes technical changes.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 249

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AB 1512	Elections Committee	Standardizes the way that voting options are presented to voters when they are considering local ballot measures. Standardizes provisions of state law related to voting target locations on ballots and the ballot instructions for local ballot measures.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 303
AB 1513	Elections Committee	Replaces the term “trial court” with “superior court” in provisions of the Elections Code related to the recall process, and makes related conforming and clarifying changes. Replaces the use of registered mail with electronic or certified mail for elections-related communications.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 304
ACA 8	Rivas	Provides for the temporary use of new congressional district maps for elections held through 2030 if voters approve this measure.	Chaptered 8/21/25 Res. Chapter 156

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SB 3	Cervantes	Makes various changes to state law governing the process for verifying signatures on vote by mail ballot return envelopes. Increases the frequency at which elections officials are required to post updated election results during the official canvass from a minimum of once per week to twice per week.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 307
SB 42	Umberg	Allows the state and local governments to offer public campaign financing programs. Triples the maximum potential fine for criminal violations of the ban on campaign contributions and expenditures by foreign entities. Makes this bill operative only upon voter approval in November 2026.	Signed 10/2/25 Chapter 245
SB 280	Cervantes	Calls a statewide special election to be held on November 4, 2025 (2025 special election), and requires ACA 8 (Rivas and McGuire) of the current legislative session to be submitted to the voters at that election. Specifies procedures for conducting the 2025 special election. Appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Secretary of State and to counties for 2025 special election costs. Makes various changes to state law governing candidate filing for the June 2, 2026, statewide primary election.	Signed 8/21/25 Chapter 97
SB 398	Umberg	Makes it a crime for a person to pay or offer to pay money or other valuable consideration with the intent to induce another person to vote or register to vote, or where the payment is contingent upon whether the person voted or the person's voter registration status.	Signed 10/2/25 Chapter 246
SB 512	Pérez	Specifies that voters of a district may impose transactions and use taxes for transportation purposes by a citizen's initiative.	Vetoed 10/13/25 Veto Message
SB 621	Grove	Deletes provisions of law that require a military or overseas voter to provide specified documentation when registering to vote after the registration deadline.	Signed 8/28/25 Chapter 101
SB 760	Allen	Provides that payments resulting from a general public appeal by an elected officer or member of the Public Utilities Commission do not trigger behested payment reporting, except as specified.	Signed 10/10/25 Chapter 551

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SB 851	Cervantes	Requires a state or local agency or political subdivision to provide written notice to the Secretary of State and the Attorney General after it files or is served a court action relating to elections which contains a claim arising under federal law. Expands existing law that makes it a crime for a person who hires or arranges for any person with a firearm or a uniformed officer, as defined, to be stationed in the immediate vicinity of a polling location such that it applies to such a person or officer outside a county elections office without authorization of the appropriate elections official. Repeals requirements that standards for testing of voting equipment in the state must meet or exceed standards set by the federal Election Assistance Commission. Makes it a crime to use misleading unofficial ballot return envelopes. Clarifies that the duty to certify election results is a ministerial duty of the elections official.	Signed 10/1/25 Chapter 238
SB 852	Elections & C.A. Committee	Makes it discretionary, rather than mandatory, for the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to fill a vacancy that occurs after the end of a year ending in the number two. Expands an existing law that prohibits a person from receiving or delivering a campaign contribution at the State Capitol or state government office building such that it applies to local government offices and legislative district offices.	Signed 10/3/25 Chapter 331

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