

Elections-Related Measures Approved by the Legislature in 2026

Assembly Measures

Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 282	Pellerin	Makes it a felony to seize ballots, election records, or voting technology before election results are certified, or to order someone under one's authority to do so.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 330
AB 502	Pellerin	Makes various modifications to an existing law that prohibits the distribution of certain campaign advertisements and other election communications that contain media that has been digitally altered in a deceptive way.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 333
AB 686	Berman	Extends the sunset date to January 1, 2031, on a law that prohibits the intentional dissemination of fake or manipulated audio or video of a political candidate to deceive voters or damage the candidate's reputation, unless the media includes a disclosure that it has been manipulated.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 334
AB 775	Fong	Requires behested payment disclosure reports to be filed using an electronic filing system developed by the Fair Political Practices Commission, except as specified, and requires all filed behested payment reports to be posted online. Modifies the deadline for reporting behested payments.	Signed 9/30/26 Chapter 870
AB 1116	Berman	Permits a person who does not have a state identification card or driver's license but is qualified to register to vote, beginning January 1, 2029, to register using California's Online Voter Registration system on the Secretary of State's (SOS) internet website, and requires the SOS to develop a method to collect an electronic image of an applicant's signature.	Vetoed 9/27/26 Veto Message
AB 1130	Berman	Allows administrative, civil, or criminal penalties to be imposed against a person who is paid by a campaign committee to post online political content in support of or in opposition to a candidate or measure if the person fails to include the required disclaimer that the person is being paid.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 335

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AB 1539	Addis	Requires a representative from each political party, a representative of each independent presidential ticket, and a representative of each write-in presidential ticket, to certify under penalty of perjury that their nominees for President and Vice President of the United States are not barred by federal term limits from being elected to the office of President.	Signed 9/30/26 Chapter 880
AB 1562	Jackson	Authorizes, until January 1, 2033, a county to adopt a system in which individuals are randomly selected to serve as precinct board members (also referred to as poll workers).	Vetoed 9/27/26 Veto Message
AB 1610	Ransom	Creates uniform procedures for updating a voter's registration record when the voter changes their mailing address but not their residence address.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 532
AB 1664	Jackson	Requires local agencies and elections officials to notify the Secretary of State and Attorney General of any warrant, subpoena, or active law enforcement investigation pertaining to the search, seizure, or retention of election records or certified voting technology.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 336
AB 1736	Pellerin	Prohibits a lobbyist employer from creating a false impression of public support or opposition for a legislative or administrative action, or from sending communications to state officials using a fake identity or using a person's name without their permission.	Signed 7/13/26 Chapter 71
AB 1789	Boerner	Requires candidates and committee treasurers to take training classes related to their obligations under the Political Reform Act, beginning in 2029.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 477
AB 1853	Pellerin	Establishes uniform content rules for what may be included in a candidate statement in a state or local voter information guide (VIG) and establishes how a noncompliant statement may be kept out of a VIG.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 554
AB 1919	Pellerin	Specifies that special taxes may be imposed through the initiative process in the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SC Metro). Establishes procedures for the placement of a retail transactions and use tax ordinance on the ballot for the consideration of SC Metro voters.	Signed 8/6/26 Chapter 107

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AB 1923	Soria	Requires any Fresno County initiative measure determined to have enough valid signatures to qualify for the ballot on or before July 8, 2026, to be submitted to the voters at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election.	Signed 8/6/26 Chapter 108
AB 2153	Berman	Repeals an obsolete provision of law related to residency confirmation of registered voters.	Signed 8/20/26 Chapter 112
AB 2255	Pellerin	Requires candidates to provide additional details about campaign expenditures exceeding \$20,000 made to a single person during times when the candidate is not appearing on the ballot or running for reelection to the same office.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 594
AB 2281	Berman	Authorizes the Office of Elections Cybersecurity within the Secretary of State's (SOS) Office to consult with academic researchers to develop best practices for protecting against threats to election cybersecurity. Requires the SOS to assess whether additional state resources are needed to replace election cybersecurity resources previously provided by the federal government.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 337
AB 2413	Ransom	Prohibits certain large-format public advertisements from being published or displayed using public money if the advertisement features a photograph of an elected official affiliated with the agency that paid for the ad.	Signed 9/30/26 Chapter 940
AB 2421	Valencia	Permits the Secretary of State to terminate a campaign committee if certain conditions are met.	Signed 7/13/26 Chapter 75
AB 2484	Alvarez	Allows a retail transactions and use tax (TUT) ordinance to be adopted through the initiative process in the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). Provides that a TUT imposed in MTS shall not count towards the county's limit on TUT taxes.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 613

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AB 2573	Sharp-Collins	Changes a program that makes the voter registration records of elected officials and candidates for elective office confidential from an opt-out to an opt-in program. Allows immediate family members of an elected official who opts-in to the program to have their registration records made confidential.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 622
AB 2592	Pacheco	Transfers responsibility for lobbyist ethics training from the Assembly and Senate Legislative Ethics Committees to the Fair Political Practices Commission, beginning in 2029. Prohibits a person who has been convicted of a crime of public corruption from serving as a lobbyist for 12 years following the date of the conviction, even if the person has been pardoned for that crime.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 479
AB 2604	Berman	Requires the Secretary of State to implement and make available to county election officials a system that allows voters to access electronic signature curing.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 628
AB 2655	Valencia	Requires any security personnel that is paid for with campaign funds to protect a candidate, elected officer, or the immediate family or staff of a candidate or elected officer to be licensed by the state.	Signed 7/13/26 Chapter 78
AB 2691	Addis	Prohibits a person who has been convicted of a felony involving human trafficking or sexual assault from being eligible to be elected to any state or local elective office.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 480
AB 2785	Elections Committee	Clarifies the information that county elections officials are required to submit to the Legislature or its designee for the purpose of building the statewide redistricting database, and streamlines the process for submitting that information.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 642
AB 2786	Elections Committee	Makes various minor and technical changes to state law related to elections.	Signed 8/27/26 Chapter 143

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AJR 29	Berman	States the Legislature's opposition to a recent Presidential executive order that seeks to impose new restrictions on vote by mail voting and calls on the United States Congress to protect the constitutional authority of states to administer their own elections.	Chaptered 8/20/26 Res. Chapter 195

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Bill	Author	Description	Status
SB 73	Cervantes	Restricts law enforcement agencies and officers from engaging in specified conduct related to elections. Prohibits a person who is observing the processing of vote by mail ballots from challenging whether signatures compare.	Signed 5/27/26 Chapter 10
SB 259	Wahab	Makes it a felony for a person with authority to direct a person subject to their supervision or authority to interfere with the delivery of a vote by mail (VBM) ballot. Makes it a misdemeanor for a person who has charge of a VBM ballot to interfere with its delivery to a voter.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 331
SB 401	Hurtado	Permits the Fair Political Practices Commission to extend Political Reform Act filing deadlines in the event of an emergency.	Signed 9/30/26 Chapter 968
SB 715	Allen	Changes the deadline by which the Secretary of State must notify candidates of the other candidates running for the same office. Requires a candidate to certify under penalty of perjury to the truth and accuracy of the content of their ballot designation worksheet.	Signed 9/30/26 Chapter 978
SB 830	Arreguin	Establishes the measure designation and ballot position for a Public Transit Revenue Measure District (District) tax measure on the November 2026 general election ballot. Allows different supporting and opposing arguments to appear in the county voter guide in each county in the District.	Signed 7/16/26 Chapter 101
SB 884	Umberg	Modifies election procedures for an election held on November 3, 2026, as well as subsequent elections held through 2029.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 340
SB 900	McNerney	Allows the names of top campaign contributors that are required to be disclosed on campaign advertisements to be shortened or abbreviated. Makes minor changes to the formatting and text of certain required disclosures on campaign advertisements such that those disclosures can be made in a smaller amount of space.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 659

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Bill	Author	Description	Status
SB 1164	Cervantes	Broadens the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, which prohibits at-large election methods that impair voting rights, to permit challenges to be brought against election methods or systems that result in voter suppression or vote dilution. Requires local government agencies that violate specified laws related to voting rights to receive preapproval from the Attorney General before implementing certain changes to election practices for a 10-year period.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 338
SB 1175	Rubio	Requires a lobbyist to file an amended lobbyist certification or a notice of lobbying termination directly with the Secretary of State, instead of with their lobbying firm or lobbyist employer.	Signed 9/27/26 Chapter 682
SB 1360	Cervantes	Increases circumstances under which the Secretary of State and county elections officials are required to provide translated election materials and specified language services.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 339
SB 1369	Reyes	Requires a paid signature gatherer to orally disclose to each person, before providing the petition for the person's signature, that they are being paid to circulate the petition. Reduces the time to collect signatures on a recall petition against a superior court judge from 160 days to 120 days in electoral jurisdictions with 50,000 registered voters or more.	Signed 9/30/26 Chapter 1029
SB 1389	Dahle	Extends the period during which a filing officer may waive late fees for a statement of economic interests (SEIs) that is filed after the deadline.	Signed 8/27/26 Chapter 159
SB 1414	Reyes	Creates an independent citizens redistricting commission in San Bernardino County.	Signed 9/30/26 Chapter 1037
SB 1418	Cervantes	Makes it a crime to take specified election materials or voting technology from the custody of elections officials. Requires the preservation of election materials and voting technology if an election contest or criminal proceeding is ongoing.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 341

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SB 1420	Richardson	Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop regulations setting forth procedures that allow a person to cast their vote by mail (VBM) ballot in-person without the VBM ballot identification envelope. Requires the SOS to include information about voting in person without a VBM envelope and early voting procedures in the state voter information guide.	Signed 9/19/26 Chapter 342
SB 1429	Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee	Makes various minor changes to the Elections Code.	Signed 8/20/26 Chapter 114
SB 1430	Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee	Aligns the deadline for a school district to notify an elections official of an upcoming election with the deadline found in the Elections Code and makes other technical clarifications.	Signed 8/20/26 Chapter 115
SB 1431	Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee	Deletes obsolete requirements for a military or overseas voter to apply for a vote by mail ballot and makes changes to the process a candidate follows in submitting nomination signatures.	Signed 8/27/26 Chapter 161
SB 1432	Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee	Makes various minor and clarifying changes to the Political Reform Act of 1974.	Signed 9/14/26 Chapter 235
SJR 18	McNerney	Expresses the Legislature's disagreement with the United States Supreme Court's decision in <i>Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission</i> . Encourages states to adopt policies to limit the powers of corporations to contribute to political campaigns.	Chaptered 8/24/26 Res. Chapter 207

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