

Elections-Related Measures Approved by the Legislature in 2016 Assembly Measures

Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 278	R. Hernández	Permits any city, regardless of population size, to change the method of electing its governing board members from at-large to a by-district method of election without receiving voter approval and provides that if voter approval is sought, the proposed boundaries for the districts are not required to appear on the ballot.	Signed 9/28/16 Chapter 736
AB 350	Alejo	Requires a political subdivision that changes to, or establishes, district-based elections to hold at least two public hearings both before and after drawing a preliminary map or maps of the proposed district boundaries, as specified. Requires that written notice be provided before an action can be brought against a political subdivision under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.	Signed 9/28/16 Chapter 737
AB 1200	Gordon	Provides that communicating with state governmental officials in order to influence state governmental procurement, as defined, can result in a person being considered a "lobbyist" under the Political Reform Act.	Vetoed 5/13/16 Click for Veto Message
AB 1494	Levine	Clarifies that a voter may voluntarily disclose how he or she voted if that voluntary act does not violate any other law.	Signed 9/29/16 Chapter 813
AB 1921	Gonzalez	Permits a vote by mail voter to who is unable to return his or her ballot to designate any person to return the ballot, as specified. Prohibits a designated person from receiving any form of compensation based on the number of ballots that person returns, as specified.	Signed 9/29/16 Chapter 820
AB 1970	Low	Requires the Secretary of State to promulgate regulations to establish guidelines for county elections officials relating to the processing of vote by mail and provisional ballots.	Signed 9/29/16 Chapter 821
AB 2010	Ridley-Thomas	Permits local agencies to allow candidates for local, nonpartisan elective office to submit candidate statements that are electronically distributed, but are not included in the voter's pamphlets that accompany the sample ballots.	Signed 8/17/16 Chapter 128
AB 2021	Ridley-Thomas	Clarifies state law to permit international election observers access to all election processes that are open to the public, as specified.	Signed 9/29/16 Chapter 822
AB 2071	Harper	Defines the term "bona fide private mail delivery company" for the purposes of a vote by mail ballot received after election day, as specified.	Signed 8/29/16 Chapter 225

AB 2089	Quirk	Requires a county elections official to notify a voter if his or her vote by mail ballot was not counted.	Vetoed 9/29/16 Click for Veto Message
AB 2220	Cooper	Allows all cities, regardless of population, to change the method of electing council members to a by-district method of election without receiving voter approval.	Signed 9/28/16 Chapter 751
AB 2252	Ting	Allows a voter with disabilities to electronically receive and mark his or her vote by mail (VBM) ballot using a remote accessible VBM system, as defined. Establishes processes and procedures for the review and approval of remote accessible VBM systems, as specified.	Signed 7/22/16 Chapter 75
AB 2265	Stone	Authorizes the county counsel to prepare a summary of the impartial analysis of a county ballot measure in a format that answers the questions "What does a yes vote mean?" and "What does a no vote mean?"	Signed 7/25/16 Chapter 104
AB 2318	Low	Gives the Fair Political Practices Commission jurisdiction over a state law that requires specified nonprofit organizations to disclose the sources of funds used for campaign activity.	Signed 9/29/16 Chapter 825
AB 2389	Ridley-Thomas	Permits a special district to change the method of electing its governing board members from at-large to a by-district method of election without receiving voter approval.	Signed 9/28/16 Chapter 754
AB 2455	Chiu	Requires the California State University and California Community Colleges to permit students who enroll online at the institution to electronically register to vote through the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State (SOS), beginning July 1, 2018. Require the SOS, when he or she receives a voter registration record from the Department of Motor Vehicles, as specified, for a person who is already registered to vote, to use the information received to update the voter's registration record.	Signed 9/21/16 Chapter 417
AB 2466	Weber	Conforms state law to a recent Superior Court ruling in <i>Scott v. Bowen</i> , in which the court found that individuals on post-release community supervision and mandatory supervision are eligible to vote under California Constitution Article II, Section 2, as specified. Makes other significant changes to voter eligibility provisions of law, as specified.	Signed 9/28/16 Chapter 757
AB 2558	Steinorth	Removes the January 1, 2018, sunset date from a provision of law that authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to enforce San Bernardino County's local campaign finance reform ordinance, as specified.	Signed 8/26/16 Chapter 202

AB 2686	Mullin	Allows a county to conduct a legislative or congressional vacancy election as a mailed ballot election as part of a pilot project, subject to certain conditions, if more than half the voters in the county are permanent vote by mail voters. Broadens the scope of an ongoing mailed ballot election pilot project in San Diego County.	Signed 9/28/16 Chapter 764
AB 2911	E&R Committee	Standardizes terms in the Elections Code used to refer to the county and state voter information guides. Moves the date under which a voting system had to be submitted for federal qualification in order for that system to be subject to state testing requirements that existed prior to the enactment of SB 360 (Padilla), Chapter 602, Statutes of 2013, from September 1, 2013 to April 28, 2016.	Signed 9/21/16 Chapter 422

Elections-Related Measures Approved by the Legislature in 2016 Senate Measures

Bill	Author	Description	Status
SB 49	Runner	Authorizes the Governor, if only one candidate for a legislative office qualifies to have his or her name printed on a special primary election ballot to fill a legislative vacancy, to declare the candidate elected.	Vetoed 7/25/16 Click for Veto Message
SB 254	Allen	Places an advisory measure on the November 8, 2016, statewide general election ballot on amending the United States Constitution to address campaign finance issues.	Chaptered w/o Governor's Signature 6/9/16, Chap. 20 Click for Governor's Message
SB 450	Allen	Permits counties to conduct elections in which every voter is mailed a ballot and vote centers and ballot drop-off locations are available prior to and on election day, in lieu of operating polling places for the election, subject to certain conditions.	Signed 9/29/16 Chapter 832
SB 927	Anderson	Authorizes the board of directors of a public utility district within San Diego County to elect directors by subdistricts, as specified.	Signed 8/22/16 Chapter 168
SB 958	Lara	Establishes a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Los Angeles County and charges it with adjusting the boundaries of supervisorial districts after each decennial federal census.	Signed 9/28/16 Chapter 781
SB 1094	Hernandez	Requires at least 5% of the signatures collected to qualify a proposed state initiative measure for the ballot to be collected by individuals who did not receive money or other valuable consideration exclusively or primarily for the specific purpose of soliciting signatures of electors on the petition, as specified. Makes other significant changes to provisions of state law governing state initiatives.	Vetoed 9/29/16 Click for Veto Message
SB 1107	Allen	Allows state and local governments to offer public campaign financing programs. Limits the uses of campaign funds that are held by public officials who have been convicted of various public trust crimes.	Signed 9/29/16 Chapter 837
SB 1108	Allen	Permits a county or a general law city to establish a commission charged with adjusting the boundaries of supervisorial districts or city council districts after each decennial federal census, subject to certain conditions.	Signed 9/28/16 Chapter 784

SB 1288	Leno	Authorizes a general law city, a general law county, or an educational district, as specified, to conduct a local election using ranked choice voting, as specified. Permits a general law city, a school district, and a district not formed for municipal purposes to elect a candidate for nonpartisan office at a primary election by majority vote, instead of a plurality vote, as specified.	Vetoed 9/29/16 Click for Veto Message
SB 1349	Hertzberg	Requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Fair Political Practices Commission, to develop and certify for public use a new online filing and disclosure system for statements and reports that provides public disclosure of campaign finance and lobbying information in a user-friendly, easily understandable format, as specified.	Signed 9/29/16 Chapter 845

Bill Signed by Governor

Bill Became Law Without Governor's Signature

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