

Elections-Related Bills Approved by the Legislature in 2022 – Assembly Bills

Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 759	McCarty	Requires county district attorneys and sheriffs to be elected during presidential election years, instead of gubernatorial election years, beginning with the 2028 presidential primary election, except as specified.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 743
AB 775	Berman	Prohibits a candidate or committee from accepting a recurring campaign contribution without receiving the contributor's affirmative consent, as specified.	Signed 9/30/22 Chapter 942
AB 972	Berman	Extends the sunset date – from January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2027 – on a provision of law that prohibits the distribution of materially deceptive audio or visual media with actual malice with the intent to injure a candidate's reputation or to deceive a voter into voting for or against a candidate, unless the materially deceptive audio or visual media includes a disclosure that it has been manipulated.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 745
AB 1307	Cervantes	Creates a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Riverside County and requires the commission to adjust the boundaries of the county's supervisorial districts after every decennial census, as specified.	Signed 9/18/22 Chapter 403
AB 1416	Santiago	Requires the ballot label for a statewide ballot measure, and permits the ballot label for a local ballot measure, to include the names of specified supporters and opponents of the measure.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 751
AB 1619	Cervantes	Requires voter registration applications to include a statement that a person's signature on an identification envelope for the return of a vote by mail ballot will be compared against signatures in the voter's registration record, which includes the signature from the voter registration application.	Signed 7/19/22 Chapter 102
AB 1631	Cervantes	Requires a county elections official to post on the official's internet website the public list of all polling places where multilingual poll workers will be present, and the language or languages other than English in which they will provide assistance. Requires county elections officials to use the internet in their efforts to recruit multilingual poll workers.	Signed 9/26/22 Chapter 552
AB 1783	Levine	Provides that efforts to influence mergers and acquisitions of domestic insurance companies and health care service plans, as specified, are considered lobbying for the purposes of the Political Reform Act.	Signed 9/22/22 Chapter 456
AB 1798	Bryan	Allows a campaign advertisement that is an electronic media advertisement to include required disclosures directly on the advertisement itself, as an alternative to linking to an internet website that contains the disclosures.	Signed 9/30/22 Chapter 862

Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 1848	Bryan	Requires, for the purposes of drawing district lines for Congress, the state Legislature, and the State Board of Equalization, that each incarcerated person in the state be deemed to reside at that person's last known place of residence, as specified. Repeals an obsolete provision of law that relates to district boundaries that are adopted by the Legislature.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 763
AB 2030	Arambula	Creates a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Fresno County and requires the commission to adjust the boundaries of the county's supervisorial districts after every decennial census, as specified.	Signed 9/18/22 Chapter 407
AB 2037	Flora	Allows an elections official to establish a vote center or a polling place in a location where the primary purpose is the sale or dispensation of alcoholic beverages.	Signed 8/22/22 Chapter 155
AB 2172	Cervantes	Authorizes a person who is required to file a campaign or lobbying disclosure report with the Secretary of State in a paper format to file that report by email or other digital means instead, subject to specified requirements.	Signed 9/15/22 Chapter 328
AB 2494	Salas	Creates a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Kern County and requires the commission to adjust the boundaries of the county's supervisorial districts after every decennial census, as specified.	Signed 9/18/22 Chapter 411
AB 2528	Bigelow	Requires any local elected officer or candidate for elective office who meets certain criteria to file specified campaign disclosure statements and reports required by the Political Reform Act with their local filing officer, and electronically with the Secretary of State, as specified.	Signed 9/23/22 Chapter 500
AB 2577	Bigelow	Requires the Secretary of State to establish uniform filing forms for a candidate to use when filing a declaration of candidacy and nomination papers, as specified.	Signed 8/15/22 Chapter 148
AB 2582	Bennett	Requires a local recall election to include only the question of whether the elected officer sought to be recalled should be removed from office. Requires the office, if a local officer is successfully recalled, to become vacant and to be filled in accordance with existing law.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 790

Bill	Author	Description	Status
AB 2584	Berman	Increases the total number of proponent signatures required to be included on a notice of intention to recall a state or local elected officer. Establishes a public display period for local recall petitions and authorizes a voter to seek an order requiring the proponents' statement of reasons for the recall or the officer's answer to that statement to be amended or deleted on the recall petition. Requires a petition for the recall of a school board member to contain a fiscal estimate of the cost for conducting the recall election. Lengthens the timeframe for holding a local recall election that has qualified for the ballot in order to allow that election to be consolidated with a regularly scheduled election.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 791
AB 2608	Berman	Repeals various provisions of the Elections Code related to vote by mail ballot applications, and makes various conforming changes to reflect the fact that state law requires that every active registered voter be mailed a ballot for every election in which the voter is eligible to vote. URGENCY.	Signed 8/22/22 Chapter 161
AB 2815	Berman	Requires county elections officials to make efforts to locate vote by mail ballot drop-off locations on public college and university campuses, as specified.	Signed 9/26/22 Chapter 553
AB 2841	Low	Requires the Secretary of State to post data showing the number of conservatorship voting rights disqualifications and restorations by county, and to provide training to court and county staff related to conservatorship voting rights to ensure compliance with existing law. Requires a county elections official, before canceling a voter's registration, to notify the voter and provide the voter with an opportunity to correct an erroneous cancellation, as specified.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 807
AB 2967	Elections Committee	Makes various minor and technical changes to the Elections Code.	Signed 8/22/22 Chapter 166

Elections-Related Bills Approved by the Legislature in 2022 – Senate Bills

Bill	Author	Description	Status
SB 103	Dodd	Enacts the Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act, which provides for the automatic replacement of any presidential elector who does not cast their electoral vote for the candidates for President and Vice President that the elector is pledged to support.	Signed 8/29/22 Chapter 216
SB 459	Allen	Requires lobbying disclosure reports to include additional information about the legislative and administrative actions that the filers sought to influence and about the issue lobbying advertisements that they funded. Requires an issue lobbying advertisement to include a disclosure of the person who authorized and paid for the advertisement, as specified.	Signed 9/30/22 Chapter 873
SB 504	Becker	Requires the Secretary of State to provide county elections officials with identifying information for persons imprisoned for the conviction of a felony and persons on parole or otherwise released from imprisonment, as specified. Clarifies that a military and overseas voter and a voter with a disability may complete a conditional voter registration and cast a provisional ballot or a nonprovisional ballot. URGENCY.	Signed 3/31/22 Chapter 14
SB 746	Skinner	Requires a business entity that, for political purposes, uses its online products or services to target information to its users, to disclose that targeting on a public report that is filed with the Secretary of State.	Signed 9/30/22 Chapter 876
SB 794	Glazer	Allows a political committee that receives a contribution that exceeds a contribution limit to accept the contribution without violating the contribution limit by returning the amount in excess of the limit or by attributing the excess amount to a different election, as specified.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 816
SB 1061	Laird	Changes the timing for holding a special election to fill a vacancy on a school district or community college district governing board when the board makes a provisional appointment to fill that vacancy and the voters of the district submit sufficient signatures on a petition to terminate the appointment and order a special election. Requires the special election petition to contain the election official's estimate of the cost of conducting the special election on a per-pupil or per-student basis.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 831

Bill	Author	Description	Status
SB 1131	Newman	Allows individuals who face threats or acts of violence or harassment because of their work for public entities (including election workers) to participate in an existing address confidentiality program for reproductive health care service providers, employees, volunteers, and patients. Allows employees and contractors of state or local election officials who face life-threatening circumstances to have their voter registration information made confidential. URGENCY.	Signed 9/26/22 Chapter 554
SB 1360	Umberg	Changes the text and formatting of required disclosures on petitions and electronic media and video campaign advertisements, as specified.	Signed 9/30/22 Chapter 887
SB 1439	Glazer	Makes all local government agencies subject to existing provisions of state law that restrict contributions to public officials from entities with business before the agency involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use. Expands the period of time that restriction applies.	Signed 9/29/22 Chapter 848