
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 446 (Mayes) - Elections: political party qualifications

Version: May 27, 2021

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 26, 2021

Policy Vote: E. & C.A. 4 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Robert Ingenito

Bill Summary: AB 796 would (1) codify voter registration information transmittal requirements in the federal National Vote Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993, as specified, (2) codify various provisions from a legal settlement regarding the transmission of voter registration information, as specified, and (3) require the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish a taskforce to evaluate the California New Motor Voter Program (CNMVP), as specified.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021

Fiscal Impact:

- SOS indicates that it would incur first-year General Fund costs of 543,000, and \$533,000 annually thereafter, for (1) additional information technology (IT) and data base staff, and (2) administrative support for the bill's task force.
- The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) anticipates General Fund costs of \$10 million over 3 fiscal years (2022-23 through 2024-25) to implement its required IT changes. Additionally, the department would have ongoing maintenance and workload costs associated with the changes, the magnitude of which has yet to be determined. Finally, DMV would incur annual General Fund costs of \$200,000 beginning January 1, 2022 for the new NVRA coordinator.

Author Amendments: Address chaptering issues related to AB 796 (Berman).

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