
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No: SB 152
Author: Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
Amended: 6/23/21
Vote: 21

SENATE FLOOR: Not relevant

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 53-18, 6/28/21, Roll call not available

SUBJECT: Elections

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill contains statutory provisions related to elections necessary to implement the Budget Act of 2021.

Assembly Amendments delete the Senate version of the bill and instead add the current language.

ANALYSIS: This bill makes the following statutory changes.

- 1) Requires counties that administer a recall election pursuant to this chapter shall be considered to comply with requirements to hold a general election.
- 2) Authorizes a county that has previously conducted an all-mailed ballot election subject to specified provisions.
- 3) Authorizes a county that has not previously conducted an all-mailed ballot election to conduct an all-mailed ballot election subject to specified provisions.
- 4) Requires counties to conduct a voter education and outreach campaign.
Requires the Secretary of State to establish a process for granting counties partial waivers from requirements relating to the number, location, or

operational duration of consolidated polling places or ballot drop-off locations and from requirements relating to the maximum number of voters in a precinct.

- 5) Authorizes counties to start to process vote by mail ballots on the 29th day before an election. The bill would deem a vote by mail ballot timely cast if it is postmarked or date stamped on or before election day and is received by the voter's elections official no later than 7 days after election day.
- 6) Authorizes a local government entity that previously called a special local election to consolidate that election with a gubernatorial recall election if certain conditions are met.
- 7) Allows the Secretary of State to certify the sufficiency of the signatures if the Legislature has appropriated funds it determines are reasonably necessary to conduct the recall election and has designated funds for that purpose in the Budget Act or another statute.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: Yes

According to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, this bill appropriates \$35,000,000 from the General Fund to the Secretary of State to support statewide and county costs of the 2021 gubernatorial recall election.

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/27/21)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/27/21)

None received

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