
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1116 (Berman) - Elections: voter registration

Version: June 23, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

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

Mandate: No

Consultant: Robert Ingenito

Bill Summary: AB 1116 would require the Secretary of State (SOS), by September 1, 2027, to develop a method to collect an electronic image of a signature from someone who does not have a California driver's license or a California identification card and is registering to vote electronically using the statewide voter registration system on the SOS's website.

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

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Costs to SOS could potentially reach the low millions of dollars annually (General Fund).

Author Amendments:

- Delay implementation until January 1, 2029.
- Make clarifications regarding the verification of identity.
- Provide that verification does not require SOS to establish a new interface with the Social Security Administration.
- Make explicit that the SOS may prescribe standards as needed.

Committee Amendments: Add Senator Cervantes as a coauthor.

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