
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator Scott Wiener, Chair
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Author:	Committee on Budget		
Version:	September 8, 2025 As amended		
Urgency:	No	Fiscal:	Yes
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Subject: Special Elections

Summary: This trailer bill regarding special elections contains the necessary changes to implement provisions adopted as part of the Budget Act of 2025.

Proposed Law: This bill makes various statutory changes to implement the provisions of the Budget Act of 2025. Specifically, this bill makes the following statutory changes:

- 1) Ensures that counties have sufficient funding to effectuate the November 4, 2025 special election by appropriating General Funds for actual and reasonably necessary costs.
- 2) Uses any excess funds received by counties to offset costs for the next statewide election conducted by that particular county, where applicable.
- 3) Prohibits county elections officials from certifying the results of a local election before the 28th calendar day following such election (applies to elections called by a district, city, or other political subdivision on or before August 8, 2025, and scheduled to be held on November 4, 2025, with the special election).

Fiscal Effect: Appropriates \$100,000 in General Fund to the Secretary of State for purposes of preparing a report on the final costs of the special election.

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