
THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 162
Author: Committee on Budget
Amended: 9/8/25 in Senate
Vote: 21

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 53-17, 3/20/25 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Elections

SOURCE: Author

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

ANALYSIS: 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: Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

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.

SUPPORT: (Verified 9/8/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 9/8/25)

None received

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AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Caloza, Carrillo, Connolly, Elhawary, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Jackson, Kalra, Lee, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Valencia, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NOES: Alanis, Castillo, Chen, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Flora, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Lackey, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa

NO VOTE RECORDED: Ahrens, Alvarez, Bauer-Kahan, Calderon, Essayli, Hoover, Irwin, Krell, Papan, Wallis

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