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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair

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## SB 1164 (Cervantes) - Elections

**Version:** April 27, 2026

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Policy Vote:** JUD. 11 - 2, E. & C.A. 4 - 1

**Mandate:** Yes

**Consultant:** Robert Ingenito

**Bill Summary:** SB 1164 would repeal and replace the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) with a state voting rights act, as specified.

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

The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on May 14, 2026

### Fiscal Impact:

- By imposing specified duties on local elections officials, this bill creates a state-mandated local program. To the extent the Commission on State Mandates determines that the provisions of this bill create a new program or impose a higher level of service on local agencies, local agencies could claim reimbursement of those costs. The magnitude is unknown, but could exceed \$50,000 per year (General Fund).
- This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Secretary of State (SOS).
- The Department of Justice indicates that it would incur annual costs of \$2.2 million to implement the provisions of the bill (General Fund).

**Author Amendments:** Make clarifying and technical changes.

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