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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

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### SB 1420 (Richardson) - Vote by mail ballots and early voting

**Version:** March 26, 2026  
**Urgency:** Yes  
**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Policy Vote:** E. & C.A. 5 - 0  
**Mandate:** Yes  
**Consultant:** Robert Ingenito

**Bill Summary:** SB 1420 would require the Secretary of State (SOS) to promulgate regulations and provide information in the state voter information guide (VIG) about early in-person voting opportunities and voting vote by mail (VBM) ballots at voting locations.

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

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

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

- SOS would incur a one-time cost of \$55,000 to promulgate regulations (General Fund). Additionally, SOS indicates that any costs related to the VIG would be minor.
- The California Association of County Elections Clerks indicates that any costs from resulting from the mandate in the bill would be minor and absorbable.

**Author Amendments:** Modify the scope of the regulations, as specified.

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