

Date of Hearing: August 5, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 1432 (Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments) – As Amended June 18, 2026

Policy Committee: Elections

Vote: 7 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill updates various provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974 (PRA).

Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Removes the prohibition in current law against the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) including a non-clerical position at the FPPC in the same civil service classification as a separate and distinct position at another state agency, and authorizes the FPPC to do so.
- 2) Expands the list of elective state offices for which a candidate must file their statement of intention online or electronically with the Secretary of State (SOS) by cross-referencing a provision of the PRA that includes a judicial office.
- 3) Increases the minimum text size, from eight-point to 10-point type, for the disclaimer required on certain event invitations from lobbying entities to public officials.

FISCAL EFFECT:

- 1) Minor and absorbable costs to the Department of Human Resources, which oversees civil service job classifications.
- 2) Minor and absorbable costs to the FPPC to conform positions with statewide classifications and update event invitation disclaimer requirements.
- 3) Minor and absorbable costs to the SOS to continue receiving statements of intention from judicial candidates online or electronically.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose.** According to the author, “This bill is one of the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments’ committee bills. This bill contains changes requested by the FPPC and by committee staff.”
- 2) **Background. *Personnel Classification Plan.*** Under the state civil service system, job positions are included in the same classification if the positions are sufficiently similar in duties and responsibilities to use the same descriptive title; have the same requirements for education, experience, knowledge, and ability; require the same tests of fitness; and can be

compensated under the same schedule with equity. As approved by voters in 1974, the PRA includes a provision that prohibits a non-clerical position at the FPPC from being included in the same civil service classification as a position at other state agencies. While some FPPC staff positions require specialized knowledge that is not relevant to other state agencies, such as knowledge of the PRA, the FPPC indicates that it may be appropriate to standardize other FPPC staff positions with those at other agencies. This bill repeals the original prohibition and authorizes the FPPC to use the civil service classifications that align with the duties and responsibilities of existing FPPC positions to support a more efficient hiring process and cost-effective exam administration.

Judicial Candidates. Existing law requires an individual to file a statement of intention to be a candidate for elective state office. However, since judicial officers are not included in the PRA's definition of an "elective state officer," existing law does not specify where a judicial candidate must file their statement of intention, despite the existing requirement for a judicial candidate to file campaign reports with the SOS. This bill specifies that a judicial candidate must file their statement of intention online or electronically with the SOS by adding a cross-reference to a provision of the PRA that includes judicial offices.

Event Invitations. Existing law requires certain entities that file reports in connection with lobbying activities to include a disclaimer on applicable event invitations sent to certain state officials and candidates that states: "Attendance at this event by a public official will constitute acceptance of a reportable gift." This bill increases the minimum font size for this disclaimer.

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