
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No: SB 162
Author: Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
Amended: 9/8/25 in Assembly
Vote: 21

SENATE FLOOR: 28-10, 3/20/25

AYES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNERney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NOES: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

NO VOTE RECORDED: Reyes, Stern

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 59-19, 9/11/25 - 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.

Assembly Amendments of 9/8/25 delete the senate version of this bill and instead add the current language.

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

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 59-19, 9/11/25

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Connolly, Elhawary, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lee, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, 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, Hadwick, Hoover, Johnson, Lackey, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa, Wallis

NO VOTE RECORDED: Bains, Jeff Gonzalez

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