
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

SB 884 (Umberg) - Elections in 2026 through 2029

Version: April 28, 2026

Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: E. & C.A. 4 - 1, JUD. 11 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Robert Ingenito

Bill Summary: SB 884 would make changes to vote by mail (VBM) drop off locations, the deadline for when VBM ballots must be received, and activities allowed up to 200 feet of a polling location for elections in 2026 through 2029.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- By increasing the duties of 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 at a minimum could reach the low millions of dollars per election cycle. (General Fund).

Author Amendments: In addition to specified changes to the bill's Findings and Declarations, the amendments, among other things, would do the following:

- Require law enforcement officers to notify the Secretary of State and Attorney General of a suspected, planned, or actual violation of the prohibitions on arrests or electioneering activities near polling places.
- Authorize the state and local governments to place reasonable restrictions on polling places located on their property, as provided.

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