
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 58
Author: Blakespear (D), et al.
Introduced: 7/17/25
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: The anniversary of the 19th Amendment

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution honors the contributions of suffragists who fought for women's voting rights while recognizing the need to address ongoing barriers to full civic participation.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative:

- 1) The 19th Amendment, ratified in 1920, marked a pivotal moment in history by dramatically changing voter demographics and adding millions of women to the electorate.
- 2) California acted as a trailblazer becoming the sixth state in the nation to approve women's suffrage in 1911, nearly a decade before the federal amendment. Women of color and women with disabilities were not guaranteed their right to vote until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- 3) The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg regarded the 19th Amendment as the first step toward equal citizenship for women in the political and civil spheres of public life.
- 4) The 19th Amendment has ultimately increased political representation across the nation, including in California, where, for the first time in state history, women currently hold a majority of state legislative seats.
- 5) The anniversary of the 19th Amendment serves as an opportunity to reflect on its incredible legacy while acknowledging the ongoing struggle for voting rights and equal representation for all Americans.

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Related/Prior Legislation

HR 50 (Soria, 2023) – Adopted by the Assembly.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/19/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/19/25)

None received

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