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Committee on Rules

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8:45 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 437

CONSENT AGENDA

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/30/2022
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, AB 2803 has been added to the list of referrals.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/31/2022

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
<u>AB 1676</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 1676</u>	NAT. RES.
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<u>ACR 147</u>	J., E.D., & E.
<u>ACR 169</u>	RLS.
<u>AJR 27</u>	RLS.
<u>AJR 29</u>	J., E.D., & E.
<u>HR 98</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 99</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 100</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 76</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 86</u>	RLS.
<u>SJR 4</u>	ED.
<u>SJR 9</u>	HIGHER ED.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 113

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

January 3, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to Black April Memorial Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 113, as introduced, Nguyen. Black April Memorial Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2022 as Black April Memorial Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, April 30, 2022, marks the 47th year since the Fall
2 of Saigon, on April 30, 1975, to communism; and

3 WHEREAS, For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who
4 were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who
5 have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy
6 full of great suffering and loss of American, Vietnamese, and
7 Southeast Asian lives; and

8 WHEREAS, The combined United States and South Vietnamese
9 fatalities among military personnel during the Vietnam War
10 reached more than half a million, with approximately 800,000
11 additional troops being wounded in combat. Millions of
12 Vietnamese civilians suffered casualties and death as a result of
13 the extended conflict; and

14 WHEREAS, After the Fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese
15 and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and the United
16 States, including, but not limited to, former military personnel,

1 government officials, and those who had worked for the United
2 States during the war; and

3 WHEREAS, In the late 1970s to mid-1980s, thousands of
4 Vietnamese risked their lives by fleeing Vietnam aboard small
5 wooden boats. These emigrants reached refugee camps in Thailand,
6 Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Hong Kong, while
7 approximately half of the people fleeing Vietnam in search of
8 freedom and democracy perished at sea; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the United States Census for 2010,
10 more than 580,000 Vietnamese live in California, with the largest
11 concentration of Vietnamese residents found outside of Vietnam
12 residing in the County of Orange; and

13 WHEREAS, Human rights, religious freedom, democracy, and
14 protection against threats of aggression are important concerns of
15 Vietnamese Americans and Vietnamese communities worldwide
16 stemming from human rights abuses that continue to occur in
17 Vietnam in the following areas, among others; child labor, human
18 trafficking, religious and political persecution, suppression of the
19 press, unlawful deprivation of life, forced disappearances, and land
20 seizure; and

21 WHEREAS, We must teach our children and future generations
22 important lessons from the Vietnam War and the continuing
23 situation in Vietnam, including how the plight of the Vietnamese
24 refugees following the end of the war serves as a powerful example
25 of the values of freedom and democracy; and

26 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
27 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
28 freedom, sovereignty, and equal protection under the laws of a just
29 and democratic world. Californians should set aside moments of
30 time every year on April 30 to give remembrance to the soldiers,
31 medical personnel, and civilians who died during the Vietnam War
32 in pursuit of freedom and democracy; and

33 WHEREAS, Vietnamese American communities throughout
34 California will commemorate April 30, 2022, as Black April, a
35 day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom,
36 including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of
37 the press, and internet freedom; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
39 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of the great tragedy and
40 suffering and lives lost during the Vietnam War, the month of

1 April 2022 shall be proclaimed Black April Memorial Month, a
2 special time for Californians to remember the lives lost during the
3 Vietnam War era, and to hope for a more humane and just life for
4 the people of Vietnam; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 31, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 113 (Nguyen) – As Introduced January 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Black April Memorial Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2022 as Black April Memorial Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) April 30, 2022, marks the 47th year since the Fall of Saigon, on April 30, 1975, to communism.
- 2) For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy full of great suffering and loss of American, Vietnamese, and Southeast Asian lives.
- 3) After the Fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and the United States, including, but not limited to, former military personnel, government officials, and those who had worked for the United States during the war.
- 4) According to the United States Census for 2010, more than 580,000 Vietnamese live in California, with the largest concentration of Vietnamese residents found outside of Vietnam residing in the County of Orange.
- 5) We must teach our children and future generations important lessons from the Vietnam War and the continuing situation in Vietnam, including how the plight of the Vietnamese refugees following the end of the war serves as a powerful example of the values of freedom and democracy.
- 6) We, the people of California, should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, sovereignty, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic world. Californians should set aside moments of time every year on April 30 to give remembrance to the soldiers, medical personnel, and civilians who died during the Vietnam War in pursuit of freedom and democracy.
- 7) Vietnamese American communities throughout California will commemorate April 30, 2022, as Black April, a day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom, including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of the press, and internet freedom.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 168

**Introduced by Assembly Members Reyes, Cooley, Gabriel,
Cristina Garcia, Mullin, and Ramos**
(Principal coauthors: Senators Bradford, Durazo, Kamlager, and Wiener)

March 23, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 168—Relative to Ramadan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 168, as introduced, Reyes. Ramadan.

This measure would acknowledge the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and express the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world’s major religions and
2 part of our shared human heritage; and
3 WHEREAS, California’s Muslim community is one of the most
4 diverse in the nation, with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that
5 span the globe; and
6 WHEREAS, Muslims have a long history in the United States,
7 spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the
8 enslaved African people were said to be Muslim; and
9 WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation’s armed
10 forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the
11 American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some
12 Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and

1 WHEREAS, Muslims have contributed to social movements
2 throughout the history of the United States in order to work toward
3 justice, civil rights, and fair inclusion for all; and
4 WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our
5 present-day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant
6 role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and
7 political development; and
8 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1,000,000 Muslim
9 Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social
10 fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions; and
11 WHEREAS, The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard
12 work and contributions to medicine, science, information
13 technology, education, law enforcement, military, and many other
14 fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant,
15 and economically vibrant environment; and
16 WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build
17 communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual
18 renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express
19 gratitude in this month; and
20 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual
21 renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the
22 Muslim calendar year; and
23 WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim holy month of
24 Ramadan commences at dusk on April 1, 2022, and continues for
25 one lunar month, with Muslims fasting from sunrise to sunset each
26 day; now, therefore, be it
27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That in observance of and out of respect for
29 the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting
30 and spiritual renewal, the Legislature acknowledges the onset of
31 Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims across
32 California and throughout the world on this significant occasion;
33 and be it further
34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
35 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 31, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 168 (Reyes) – As Introduced March 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Ramadan.

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and expresses the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Islam is one of the world’s major religions and part of our shared human heritage. California’s Muslim community is one of the most diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that span the globe.
- 2) From the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.
- 3) There are approximately one million Muslim Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions.
- 4) The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard work and contributions to medicine, science, information technology, education, police, military, and many other fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant, and economically vibrant environment.
- 5) Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, aid those in need, and marks an annual spiritual renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude in this month.
- 6) Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year.
- 7) The observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on April 1, 2022, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 100

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

March 29, 2022

House Resolution No. 100—Relative to Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

1 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have a long and rich
2 cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor
3 Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to
4 the 12th centuries and was considered one of the Wonders of the
5 Ancient World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance
6 and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, Early connections between the United States and
8 Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and
9 talented college students to universities, including California State
10 Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical
11 trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the
12 United States Agency for International Development (USAID);
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The relationship between the United States and
15 Cambodia had been forged through educational and professional
16 exchange, and therefore in 1975, with the impending overthrow
17 of the government by the totalitarian Khmer Rouge regime, the
18 United States accepted over 4,000 Cambodian evacuees to ensure
19 their safety; and

20 WHEREAS, April 17, 2022, will mark both the 47th anniversary
21 of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, seizing control of Cambodia
22 and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide; and

1 WHEREAS, Between April 17, 1975, and January 7, 1979, the
2 Khmer Rouge of Democratic Kampuchea, led by Pol Pot, General
3 Secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, and other
4 members of the Standing Committee of the Central Committee of
5 the Communist Party of Kampuchea and their agents, committed
6 acts of genocide and other crimes against humanity; and

7 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
8 committed against the people of Cambodia, including various
9 religious groups and ethnic minorities, during the Khmer Rouge
10 regime led to the deaths of over 1,700,000 Cambodians, which
11 was 21 percent of the nation's population; and

12 WHEREAS, The Khmer Rouge regime also sought to eliminate
13 all aspects of Cambodian culture by systematically killing those
14 with education, separating families, and destroying institutions
15 such as Buddhist temples, schools, libraries, dance, and music;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Countless victims have since come forward to tell
18 their stories of imprisonment, starvation, slavery, rape, and
19 systematic forced marriage; and

20 WHEREAS, After the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge regime
21 in 1979, over 140,000 Cambodians came to the United States as
22 refugees, a group of individuals of special humanitarian and foreign
23 policy concern to the United States because of the well-founded
24 fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality,
25 membership in a particular social group, or political opinion and
26 thus in need of protection in accordance with the United Nations
27 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees; and

28 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest population
29 of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the
30 world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of
31 Southeast Asia; and

32 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have drawn from their
33 cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities by
34 participating in American politics on the local and national levels,
35 by establishing local and international businesses, by developing
36 new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new
37 generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future
38 of the State of California and the nation; and

39 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide was a human tragedy
40 and must be remembered for the scale of violence and devastation

1 perpetrated against the people of Cambodia so that it does not
2 happen again, there or in any other country; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1994 the United States Congress passed the
4 Cambodian Genocide Justice Act, committing the American
5 government to the pursuit of justice for the victims of the genocide
6 and affirming the policy of the United States to bring members of
7 the Khmer Rouge to justice for their crimes against humanity; and

8 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
9 did not succeed in destroying the Cambodian people or their
10 culture. In fact, the culture and heritage of the Cambodian people
11 continues to this day through the accomplishments of Cambodians
12 and their descendants; and

13 WHEREAS, The suffering and loss of the Cambodian people
14 and their accomplishments and perseverance in reestablishing
15 families and communities and enhancing the cultural and historical
16 diversity of our state and nation should be recognized and honored;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will
19 honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and
20 contributions to our state and country. This week will serve as a
21 way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in
22 genocides around the world; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
24 Assembly hereby recognizes the week of April 17 to April 23,
25 2022, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week, and
26 calls upon all Californians to observe the week by participating in
27 appropriate activities and programs; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 31, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ken Cooley, Chair

HR 100 (O'Donnell) – As Proposed to be Amended March 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

SUMMARY: As proposed to be amended with author's amendments, recognizes the week of April 11 to April 17, 2022, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week, and calls upon all Californians to observe the week by participating in appropriate activities and programs. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Cambodian people have a long and rich cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to the 12th centuries and was considered one of the Wonders of the Ancient World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world.
- 2) Early connections between the United States and Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and talented college students to universities, including California State Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- 3) The relationship between the United States and Cambodia had been forged through educational and professional exchange, and therefore in 1975, with the impending overthrow of the government by the totalitarian Khmer Rouge regime, the United States accepted over 4,000 Cambodian evacuees to ensure their safety.
- 4) April 17, 2021, will mark both the 46th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, seizing control of Cambodia and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide.
- 5) The State of California has the largest population of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of Southeast Asia.
- 6) The Cambodian people have drawn from their cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities by participating in American politics on the local and national levels, by establishing local and international businesses, by developing new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future of the State of California and the nation.
- 7) The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and contributions to our state and country. This week will serve as a way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in genocides around the world.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HR 100
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House Resolution

No. 100

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

March 29, 2022



House Resolution No. 100—Relative to Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

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1 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have a long and rich
2 cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor
3 Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to
4 the 12th centuries and was considered one of the Wonders of the
5 Ancient World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance
6 and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, Early connections between the United States and
8 Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and
9 talented college students to universities, including California State
10 Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical
11 trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the
12 United States Agency for International Development (USAID);
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The relationship between the United States and
15 Cambodia had been forged through educational and professional
16 exchange, and therefore in 1975, with the impending overthrow
17 of the government by the totalitarian Khmer Rouge regime, the
18 United States accepted over 4,000 Cambodian evacuees to ensure
19 their safety; and

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21 of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, seizing control of Cambodia
22 and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide; and

Page 2 1 WHEREAS, Between April 17, 1975, and January 7, 1979, the
2 Khmer Rouge of Democratic Kampuchea, led by Pol Pot, General
3 Secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, and other
4 members of the Standing Committee of the Central Committee of
5 the Communist Party of Kampuchea and their agents, committed
6 acts of genocide and other crimes against humanity; and
7 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
8 committed against the people of Cambodia, including various
9 religious groups and ethnic minorities, during the Khmer Rouge
10 regime led to the deaths of over 1,700,000 Cambodians, which
11 was 21 percent of the nation’s population; and
12 WHEREAS, The Khmer Rouge regime also sought to eliminate
13 all aspects of Cambodian culture by systematically killing those
14 with education, separating families, and destroying institutions
15 such as Buddhist temples, schools, libraries, dance, and music;
16 and
17 WHEREAS, Countless victims have since come forward to tell
18 their stories of imprisonment, starvation, slavery, rape, and
19 systematic forced marriage; and
20 WHEREAS, After the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge regime
21 in 1979, over 140,000 Cambodians came to the United States as
22 refugees, a group of individuals of special humanitarian and foreign
23 policy concern to the United States because of the well-founded
24 fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality,
25 membership in a particular social group, or political opinion and
26 thus in need of protection in accordance with the United Nations
27 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees; and
28 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest population
29 of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the
30 world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of
31 Southeast Asia; and
32 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have drawn from their
33 cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities by
34 participating in American politics on the local and national levels,
35 by establishing local and international businesses, by developing
36 new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new

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Page 2 37 generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future
38 of the State of California and the nation; and

39 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide was a human tragedy
40 and must be remembered for the scale of violence and devastation
Page 3 1 perpetrated against the people of Cambodia so that it does not
2 happen again, there or in any other country; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1994 the United States Congress passed the
4 Cambodian Genocide Justice Act, committing the American
5 government to the pursuit of justice for the victims of the genocide
6 and affirming the policy of the United States to bring members of
7 the Khmer Rouge to justice for their crimes against humanity; and

8 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
9 did not succeed in destroying the Cambodian people or their
10 culture. In fact, the culture and heritage of the Cambodian people
11 continues to this day through the accomplishments of Cambodians
12 and their descendants; and

13 WHEREAS, The suffering and loss of the Cambodian people
14 and their accomplishments and perseverance in reestablishing
15 families and communities and enhancing the cultural and historical
16 diversity of our state and nation should be recognized and honored;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will
19 honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and
20 contributions to our state and country. This week will serve as a
21 way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in
22 genocides around the world; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
24 Assembly hereby recognizes the week of April ~~17~~ 11 to April ~~23~~
25 17, 2022, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week, and
26 calls upon all Californians to observe the week by participating in
27 appropriate activities and programs; and be it further

28 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Amendments 1 & 2

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

Amendment 1

On page 3, in line 24, strike out "17" and insert:

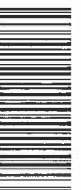
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Amendment 2

On page 3, in line 24, strike out "23," and insert:

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RN2211484

Introduced by Senator Bates
(Coauthors: Senators Dahle, Jones, Melendez, Nielsen, and
Ochoa Bogh)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Davies and Nguyen)

February 17, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71—Relative to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 71, as introduced, Bates. Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2022 as Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
2 (CDC) defines traumatic brain injury as a disruption in the normal
3 functioning of the brain due to injury, commonly caused by car
4 accidents, falls, assault, and sports injuries; and
5 WHEREAS, Every nine seconds, someone in the United States
6 sustains a traumatic brain injury; and
7 WHEREAS, The CDC declares traumatic brain injury is a major
8 cause of disability and death in the United States contributing to
9 approximately 30 percent of all injury-related deaths; and
10 WHEREAS, The Department of Rehabilitation states that
11 traumatic brain injury impacts 1,700,000 Americans each year and
12 causes 53,000 deaths, 235,000 hospitalizations, and 1,100,000
13 emergency room visits yearly; and
14 WHEREAS, More than 5,300,000 children and adults in the
15 United States live with a lifelong disability as a result of a traumatic

1 brain injury, and impacts can include cognition, motor sensory,
2 communication, emotional, and behavioral impairments as well
3 as cause long-term neuropsychiatric conditions; and
4 WHEREAS, 2,500,000 caregivers in the United States support
5 a family member with a traumatic brain injury; and
6 WHEREAS, In 2015 alone, the State Department of Public
7 Health counted 32,627 Californians hospitalized and 210,910
8 emergency room visits due to traumatic brain injury; and
9 WHEREAS, The lifetime costs related to traumatic brain injury
10 are estimated in the United States to be \$76,500,000,000 annually;
11 and
12 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injuries can negatively affect a
13 person’s ability to hold a job, maintain relationships, or even care
14 for themselves, and can also have a devastating effect on a person’s
15 family, social circle, and community; and
16 WHEREAS, Awareness, early screening, diagnosis, and care
17 for Californians who sustain a traumatic brain injury are necessary
18 to support lifelong health for Californians living with traumatic
19 brain injury and their caregivers; now, therefore, be it
20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
22 month of March to be Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month
23 in California; and be it further
24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all levels of government
25 to take advantage of every opportunity to increase awareness of
26 the importance of screening, diagnosis, and evaluation for traumatic
27 brain injury and to encourage people who have sustained a head
28 injury or concussion to discuss the injury with their health care
29 provider to determine if they have sustained a physical, cognitive,
30 motor sensory, emotional, or behavioral impact or resulted in a
31 neuropsychiatric condition; and be it further
32 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
33 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 31, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 71 (Bates) – As Introduced February 17, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March to be Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines traumatic brain injury as a disruption in the normal functioning of the brain due to injury, commonly caused by car accidents, falls, assault, and sports injuries.
- 2) Every nine seconds, someone in the United States sustains a traumatic brain injury. The CDC declares traumatic brain injury is a major cause of disability and death in the United States contributing to approximately 30 percent of all injury-related deaths.
- 3) In 2015 alone, the State Department of Public Health counted 32,627 Californians hospitalized and 210,910 emergency room visits due to traumatic brain injury.
- 4) More than 5.3 million children and adults in the United States live with a lifelong disability as a result of a traumatic brain injury, and impacts can include cognition, motor sensory, communication, emotional, and behavioral impairments as well as cause long-term neuropsychiatric conditions.
- 5) Traumatic brain injuries can negatively affect a person's ability to hold a job, maintain relationships, or even care for themselves, and can also have a devastating effect on a person's family, social circle, and community.
- 6) Awareness, early screening, diagnosis, and care for Californians who sustain a traumatic brain injury are necessary to support lifelong health for Californians living with traumatic brain injury and their caregivers.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Hurtado
(Coauthor: Senator Caballero)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Carrillo and Cooley)

February 23, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 76, as introduced, Hurtado. Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize March 2022 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Sudden unexplained death in childhood (SUDC)
- 2 is a category of death in children between 1 and 18 years of age,
- 3 inclusive, that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation,
- 4 including an autopsy; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Each year there are approximately 400 cases of
- 6 SUDC in the United States, including more than 200 younger
- 7 children between one and four years of age, inclusive, who die
- 8 without any clear cause or explanation; and
- 9 WHEREAS, While less common than sudden infant death
- 10 syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC
- 11 is an important health concern deserving of increased public
- 12 awareness and research; and
- 13 WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among
- 14 children between one and four years of age, inclusive, in the United
- 15 States; and

1 WHEREAS, There currently is no way to predict or prevent
2 SUDC as its cause is unknown; and

3 WHEREAS, It is hoped that future research will identify means
4 by which SUDC can be prevented; and

5 WHEREAS, We recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations,
6 including the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals,
7 medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers who are working
8 to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of
9 infants and children, and provide much-needed hope and support
10 for those families grieving the heartbreaking sudden, unexplained
11 death of a child; and

12 WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood
13 Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory
14 of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and
15 support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss,
16 and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search
17 for answers; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes March 2022
20 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month;
21 and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
23 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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26 **CORRECTIONS:**
27 **Heading—Line 2.**
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Date of Hearing: March 31, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 76 (Hurtado) – As Introduced February 23, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes March 2022 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Sudden unexplained death in childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between 1 and 18 years of age that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy.
- 2) Each year there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States, including more than 200 younger children between one and four years of age, inclusive, who die without any clear cause or explanation.
- 3) While less common than sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research. SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among children between one and four years of age, inclusive, in the United States.
- 4) There currently is no way to predict or prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown and it is hoped that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be prevented.
- 5) Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh
(Principal coauthor: Senator Caballero)
(Coauthors: Senators Borgeas, Cortese, Dodd, Grove, Jones, Nielsen,
and Portantino)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bigelow, Chen, Cristina Garcia,
Lackey, Nguyen, Luz Rivas, and Voepel)

March 1, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to the Girl Scouts of the USA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 79, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. National Girl Scout Day.
This measure would resolve that the Legislature declares March 12, 2022, as National Girl Scout Day.
Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On March 12, 1912, the first Girl Scout meeting
2 was held in Savannah, Georgia; and
3 WHEREAS, The first Girl Scout meeting was led by Juliette
4 Gordon Low who founded the Girl Scouts of the USA after meeting
5 with Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts and
6 Girl Guides; and
7 WHEREAS, In order to launch the Girl Scout Movement in
8 1912, Juliette Gordon Low sold her valuable necklace of rare
9 matched pearls to support the organization and to pay the rent at
10 the Girl Scout national office in Washington, D.C. She was quoted
11 as saying, “Jewels are not important but my Girl Scouts are, they
12 need the money more than I need pearls.”; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1917, the Girl Scouts sought a way to financially
2 support their objective of building girls of courage, confidence,
3 and character who make the world a better place, and the first
4 cookie sale began in the kitchens and ovens of Girl Scouts
5 members, with moms volunteering as technical advisers; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1935, the Girl Scout Federation of Greater New
7 York raised money through the sale of commercially baked
8 cookies. Buying its own die in the shape of a trefoil, the group
9 used the words “Girl Scout Cookies” on the box; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1936, the national Girl Scouts organization
11 began the process of licensing the first commercial bakers to
12 produce cookies that would be sold nationwide by girls in Girl
13 Scout councils; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1951, Girl Scout Cookies came in three varieties:
15 Sandwich, Shortbread, and Thin Mints. The door-to-door sales
16 strategy was the cornerstone of the approach to selling Girl Scout
17 Cookies, but with the advent of the suburbs, girls at booths began
18 selling cookies in shopping malls; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2014, the Girl Scout Cookie Program launched
20 the Digital Cookie, that introduced vital 21st century lessons about
21 online marketing, app usage, and e-commerce to Girl Scouts, while
22 still maintaining the door-to-door and booth sales; and

23 WHEREAS, Girl Scout Cookie sales teach five skills that are
24 essential to leadership, to success, and to life: goal setting,
25 decisionmaking, money management, people skills, and business
26 ethics. Girls learn that there is no limit to their success and that
27 any goal they set is achievable, as they utilize the skills they learn
28 selling cookies; and

29 WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low gave so much of herself to
30 others that Girl Scouts has continued to grow from the first 18 Girl
31 Scouts in Savannah in 1912 and it has been the power of the Girl
32 Scout Cookie Program, the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program
33 in the world, that has created a sisterhood of courageous, confident
34 women of character throughout our nation; and

35 WHEREAS, Since the first meeting, more than 59,000,000 girls
36 have participated in the Girl Scout Movement during their
37 childhood, and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of
38 the USA continues to inspire, challenge, and empower girls
39 everywhere; and

1 WHEREAS, There are currently 2,700,000 Girl Scouts:
2 1,900,000 girl members and 800,000 adult members working
3 primarily as volunteers; and

4 WHEREAS, Through its membership in the World Association
5 of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts of the USA is part of
6 a worldwide family of 10,000,000 girls and women in 152
7 countries; and

8 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts is the largest, longest running, and
9 most effective leadership program for girls, not only in the United
10 States, but in the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Seventy-one percent of the women currently in
12 the United States Senate and more than one-half of the 125 women
13 in the United States House of Representatives were Girl Scouts
14 when they were children; and

15 WHEREAS, Fifty-five percent of all women astronauts are
16 former Girl Scouts and former Girl Scouts have flown in over
17 one-third of all space shuttle missions; and

18 WHEREAS, An estimated 80 percent of women business
19 executives and business owners were once Girl Scouts; and

20 WHEREAS, Sixty-four percent of today's female leaders listed
21 in Who's Who of American Women in the United States were
22 once Girl Scouts; and

23 WHEREAS, Countless women educators, scientists, and women
24 in the media and performing arts discovered their passions and
25 talents as Girl Scouts; and

26 WHEREAS, In the 1900s, Girl Scouts developed the same core
27 values while learning housekeeping and forestry badges as girls
28 learn today while earning computer technology and financial
29 literacy badges; and

30 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts place a strong emphasis on helping
31 bridge the gender gap in science, technology, engineering, and
32 math (STEM) careers and professions by offering over 166 STEM
33 badges, including computer science, robotics, space science,
34 cybersecurity, and engineering; and

35 WHEREAS, Every year over 160,000 Girl Scouts participate
36 in STEM programs and become more confident in their math and
37 science abilities and more interested in STEM subjects and careers;
38 and

1 WHEREAS, That same social consciousness continues today
2 as the Girl Scouts champion the ideals of acceptance,
3 understanding, cultural awareness, and tolerance; and

4 WHEREAS, During a time when girls are experiencing increased
5 levels of anxiety, stress, loneliness, and depression, Girl Scouts
6 provides community, consistency, and connection for girls, and is
7 a safe haven in all the uncertainty; and

8 WHEREAS, Especially in the time of COVID-19, Girl Scouts
9 plays an indispensable role in engaging girls in after school and
10 out-of-school programming and experiences that expand their
11 world and allow them to tap into their inner innovator,
12 changemaker, and leader; and

13 WHEREAS, At a time when civics education is missing from
14 many schools, Girl Scouts engages girls of all grade levels in civics
15 programming that deepens their understanding of democracy and
16 government, prepares them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and
17 motivates them to take action on issues that are important to them;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Gold Award Girl Scouts take on projects that have
20 a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by assessing
21 a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring
22 others to sustain it; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout
24 alums; and

25 WHEREAS, During 2022, over 120,000 girls and 66,000 adults
26 are participating in Girl Scouts in all 58 of California’s counties,
27 supported by 11 Girl Scout councils:

- 28 Girl Scouts of Arizona Cactus-Pine
- 29 Girl Scouts of California’s Central Coast
- 30 Girl Scouts of Central California South
- 31 Girl Scouts Greater Los Angeles
- 32 Girl Scouts Heart of Central California
- 33 Girl Scouts of Northern California
- 34 Girl Scouts of Orange County
- 35 Girl Scouts San Diego
- 36 Girl Scouts of San Geronio
- 37 Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada
- 38 Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada, and;

39 WHEREAS, The 11 Girl Scout councils serving California youth
40 and families make an indelible mark on California, building

1 community and leadership, while also developing skills and
2 resilience through programs focused on equity, outdoor experience,
3 life skills and mental wellness, STEM, and entrepreneurship, and

4 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts develop girls of courage,
5 confidence, and character who make the world a better place; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
8 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature is proud to join the Girl
9 Scouts of the USA in recognizing their 110th anniversary and
10 105th anniversary of their beloved cookies. The Legislature also
11 declares March 12, 2022, as National Girl Scout Day.

12 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
13 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 31, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 79 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced March 1, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: National Girl Scout Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the 110th Anniversary of the Girls Scouts of the USA, and declares March 12, 2022, as National Girl Scout Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Girl Scouts is the largest, longest running, and most effective leadership program for girls, not only in the United States, but in the world; and, there are currently 2.7 million Girl Scouts, 1.9 million girl members and 800,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers.
- 2) In order to launch the Girl Scout Movement in 1912, Juliette Gordon Low sold her valuable necklace of rare matched pearls to support the organization and to pay the rent at the Girl Scout national office in Washington, DC.
- 3) In 1917, the Girl Scouts sought a way to financially support their objective of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place, and the first cookie sale began in the kitchens and ovens of Girl Scouts members, with moms volunteering as technical advisers. In 1935, the Girl Scout Federation of Greater New York raised money through the sale of commercially baked cookies; and, buying its own die in the shape of a trefoil, the group used the words “Girl Scout Cookies” on the box.
- 4) In 1936, the national Girl Scouts organization began the process of licensing the first commercial bakers to produce cookies that would be sold nationwide by girls in Girl Scout councils.
- 5) In 1951, Girl Scout Cookies came in three varieties: Sandwich, Shortbread, and Thin Mints. The door-to-door sales strategy was the cornerstone of the approach to selling Girl Scout Cookies, but with the advent of the suburbs, girls at booths began selling cookies in shopping malls.
- 6) Since the first meeting, more than 59 million girls have participated in the Girl Scout Movement during their childhood, and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the USA continues to inspire, challenge, and empower girls everywhere.
- 7) The Girl Scouts place a strong emphasis on helping bridge the gender gap in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers and professions by offering over 99 STEM badges, including computer science, robotics, space science, cybersecurity, and engineering with over 160,000 Girl Scouts participating in STEM programs every year.

- 8) The same social consciousness continues today as the Girl Scouts champion the ideals of acceptance, understanding, cultural awareness, and tolerance; and, the Girl Scouts develop girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 16, 2022

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 15, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 86

Introduced by Senator Grove
(Coauthors: Senators Eggman and Melendez)

March 9, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to Women’s Military History Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 86, as amended, Grove. Women’s Military History Week.

This measure would recognize “Women Warriors” by proclaiming the week of March 14, 2022, to March 20, 2022, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week in California and would recognize the hard-fought contributions of women to the military and freedom and encourage Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Women have served bravely in every major United
2 States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their
3 courage and service have gone unrecognized. Our current
4 servicewomen would be unable to serve without the precedence,
5 persistence, determination, and unyielding resilience of the
6 incredible strides of women of previous generations; and

7 WHEREAS, Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have
8 served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and over 1,300,000
9 women currently serve in the United States military. Women have

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1 served in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots, field artillery
2 officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs officers, and
3 even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force; and

4 WHEREAS, During the Civil War, women disguised as men
5 fought on both sides. Women also served as spies and medical
6 personnel. Three of the most famous women were Dr. Mary
7 Walker, a physician and the only woman ever awarded the
8 Congressional Medal of Honor; Clara Barton, who served at the
9 siege of Petersburg and founded the American Red Cross; and
10 Harriet Tubman, who was a volunteer nurse, spy, and scout for
11 the Union Army; and

12 WHEREAS, Cathay Williams was the first and only documented
13 African American woman to enlist in the United States Army as
14 a Buffalo Soldier in 1866 and Carmen Contreras-Bozak was the
15 first Latina to serve in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps in
16 1942; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Leigh Ann Hester became the first woman
18 in the United States Army to earn a Silver Star for combat valor
19 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, after leading her soldiers on a
20 counterattack of anti-Iraqi forces. Her actions saved the lives of
21 numerous convoy members; and

22 WHEREAS, Over 400 women have been killed in combat since
23 World War I and over 90 women have been identified as prisoners
24 of war since World War II; and

25 WHEREAS, January 24, 2022, marks the ninth anniversary of
26 the groundbreaking decision overturning a 1994 Pentagon rule
27 that restricted women from all combat-related roles, including
28 artillery, armor, and infantry; and

29 WHEREAS, Former United States Secretary of Defense Ashton
30 Carter directed the full integration of women into all military
31 branches in 2015; and

32 WHEREAS, While approximately 16 percent of the total United
33 States military force is made up of women, six have held the rank
34 of general, exemplifying the payoff for hard work that comes to
35 people who do their best work in each and every role they take on,
36 regardless of gender; and

37 WHEREAS, The United States military’s first female four-star
38 general, Army General Ann E. Dunwoody, cracked the military’s
39 “brass ceiling” in 2008, when she was awarded her fourth star and

1 named commander of the Army Materiel Command, the unit that
2 equips, outfits, and arms United States soldiers; and

3 WHEREAS, While women were barred from assignment to
4 direct ground combat units, they were “attached” to such units and
5 increasingly tasked with handling issues around the local populace.
6 Their success and performance directly led to initiatives that
7 resulted in a broader implementation of females in Special
8 Operations Forces for years to come; and

9 WHEREAS, Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent, a
10 Navy cryptologic technician who spoke seven different languages
11 and was assigned to several special operations and secretive units,
12 contributed directly to the capture of hundreds of enemy insurgents
13 and severely degraded enemy combat capability. She was one of
14 the first females to volunteer for and successfully pass the new
15 Naval Special Warfare Direct Support Course; and

16 WHEREAS, Beginning with Task Force Lioness and Female
17 Engagement Teams (FETs) in the early 2000s, female service
18 members conducted search and questioning of women to help end
19 terrorist attacks and smuggling, which was deemed culturally
20 inappropriate if performed by a male service member. The success
21 of Task Force Lioness and FETs led to the creation of Cultural
22 Support Teams (CSTs). From 2010–14, United States Special
23 Operations Command specially assessed, selected, and trained
24 CSTs, who were attached to special operations teams directly
25 engaging in village stability operations, search-and-clear and
26 tactical questioning of the female population of Afghanistan; and

27 WHEREAS, Members of Task Force Lioness, FETs, and CSTs
28 became a loophole for female service members to operate alongside
29 the most highly trained, and exclusively male, forces on the
30 battlefield, yet were considered enablers and not direct action
31 assaulters; and

32 WHEREAS, In June 2019, then Brigadier General Laura Yeager,
33 a former Black Hawk helicopter pilot, assumed command of the
34 California National Guard’s 40th Infantry Division, becoming the
35 first woman to command a United States Army infantry division;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, More than 9,000 female troops have earned Combat
38 Action Badges during modern combat operations, including those
39 in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have earned valor

1 awards, including the Silver Star, the Army’s third-highest valor
2 award; and

3 WHEREAS, It is recognized that women have always been
4 capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994
5 ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Since the ban was lifted, women are now training
8 for and serving in infantry, armor, short-range field artillery units
9 and occupations, and the number receiving their Ranger tabs
10 continues to grow. Moreover, women in all services are also now
11 eligible to serve as Special Operations Forces; and

12 WHEREAS, The Women in Military Service for America
13 Memorial, at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National
14 Cemetery, is the only major national memorial honoring all women
15 who have defended America throughout history. Their patriotism
16 and bravery are a part of our nation’s heritage and are now
17 recognized; and

18 WHEREAS, As a country based on freedom and opportunity,
19 regardless of creed, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and
20 any other factors of identity, we must demonstrate equal
21 opportunity in our armed forces while maintaining the standard of
22 respect for other persons our military has set; and

23 WHEREAS, Our military exists to serve and protect all people
24 in the United States, to defend the United States Constitution, and
25 to fight for our freedom; and

26 WHEREAS, From the Revolutionary War to modern-day
27 humanitarian efforts, women in our military have led the way for
28 progress, despite decades of obstacles, ultimately serving in
29 positions of leadership and combat roles; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes
32 “Women Warriors” by proclaiming the week of March 14, 2022,
33 to March 20, 2022, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week
34 in California; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the hard-fought
36 contributions of women to our military and our freedom, and
37 encourages Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that
38 women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women
39 in combat on January 24, 2013; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 31, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 86 (Grove) – As Amended March 16, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Women’s Military History Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of March 14 to March 20, 2022, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week in California; and, encourages Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Women have served bravely in every major United States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their courage and service have gone largely unrecognized.
- 2) Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and over 1.3 million women currently serve in the United States military. Women have served in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots, field artillery officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs officers, and even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force.
- 3) January 24, 2022, marks the ninth anniversary of the groundbreaking decision overturning a 1994 Pentagon rule that restricted women from all combat-related roles, including artillery, armor, and infantry.
- 4) It is recognized that women have always been capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994 ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving.
- 5) Since the ban was lifted, women are now training for and serving in infantry, armor, short-range field artillery units and occupations, and the number receiving their Ranger tabs continues to grow. Moreover, women in all services are also now eligible to serve as Special Operations Forces.
- 6) More than 9,000 female troops have earned Combat Action Badges during modern combat operations, including those in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have earned valor awards, including the Silver Star, the Army’s third-highest valor award.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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March 28, 2022

Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
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RE: Request for Urgency Clause for AB 2608

Dear Chair Cooley:

I write to respectfully request that the Rules Committee approve the addition of an urgency clause to AB 2608.

Last year, my AB 37 (Ch. 312, Stats. 2021) required elections officials to mail a ballot to every active registered voter for all future elections in which the voter is eligible to vote. AB 2608 would make numerous vote by mail-related conforming, clean-up, and clarifying changes to the Elections Code. An urgency clause would allow elections officials to have the changes in effect for the November 2022 election.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please contact me or Harry Ermoian in my office should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Berman".

MARC BERMAN
Assemblymember, 24th District

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 28, 2022

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2608

Introduced by Assembly Member Berman

February 18, 2022

An act to amend ~~Section 13305 of, and to repeal Section 13315 of, the Elections Code, relating to voting. Sections 3001, 3002, 3004, 3005, 3011, 3013, 3014, 3025.5, 3101, 3102, 3106, 3110, 3111, 10734, 13305, 13502, 15105, and 15377 of, to amend and repeal Sections 17504 and 17505 of, to repeal Sections 3006, 3007, 3007.5, 3007.7, 3007.8, 3008, 3009, 3021, 18107.5, 18402, and 18576 of, and to repeal Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 3200) of Division 3 of, the Elections Code, relating to elections.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2608, as amended, Berman. ~~Vote by mail ballot applications.~~ Elections: vote by mail ballots.

Prior law, in effect until January 1, 2022, required county elections officials to permit voters with a disability, and military or overseas voters, to cast a ballot using a certified remote accessible vote by mail system. Prior law required a county elections official to mail a ballot to every registered voter for all elections proclaimed or conducted prior to January 1, 2022. Existing law, in effect since January 1, 2022, requires a county elections official to permit any voter to cast a ballot using a certified remote accessible vote by mail system. Existing law indefinitely extends the requirement for a county elections official to mail a ballot to every registered voter for all elections. Existing law establishes procedures to apply for vote by mail status and requires elections officials to mail materials to vote by mail voters, as specified.

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This bill would make conforming changes relating to vote by mail ballots and delete obsolete provisions.

Existing law requires an elections official to send a 2nd vote by mail voter ballot to any voter upon receipt of a statement under penalty of perjury that the voter has failed to receive, lost, or destroyed their original ballot.

This bill would additionally require an elections official to provide a 2nd vote by mail ballot to the voter's representative upon receipt of a written request signed by the voter under penalty of perjury, as specified.

Existing law requires a county that does not conduct an all-mailed ballot election to provide at least 2 vote by mail ballot drop-off locations within the jurisdiction where the election is held, or at least one vote by mail ballot drop-off location for every 30,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction where the election is held, whichever results in more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations.

This bill would, for purposes of this provision, require the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction where the election is being held to be determined on the 88th day before the election.

Existing law requires elections officials to preserve all applications for vote by mail ballots for 22 months from the date of the election where candidates for specified offices are voted upon, including President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, and United States Senator. Under existing law, an elections official is required to preserve all applications for vote by mail ballots for a period of 6 months from the date of the election for state and local elections, as specified.

This bill would repeal those provisions effective January 1, 2024.

By adding to the duties of local elections officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

~~Existing law requires the elections official who provides county voter information guides for an election at which vote by mail voter ballots~~

may be cast to print on the envelope containing the county voter information guide a notice that a vote by mail ballot application is enclosed, except as specified.

~~This measure would repeal this provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3001 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:

3 3001. ~~(a) Except as provided in Chapter 3 (commencing with~~
4 ~~Section 3200) and Sections 3007.5, 3007.7, and 3007.8, application~~
5 ~~for a vote by mail voter's ballot shall be made in writing to the~~
6 ~~elections official having jurisdiction over the election between the~~
7 ~~29th and the 7th day prior to the election. The application shall be~~
8 ~~signed by the applicant and shall show the applicant's place of~~
9 ~~residence. Any applications received by the elections official prior~~
10 ~~to the 29th day shall be kept and processed during the application~~
11 ~~period.~~

12 3001. No later than 29 days before the day of the election, the
13 county elections official shall begin mailing the materials required
14 by Section 3010 to qualified applicants for vote by mail ballots,
15 including voters who are permanent vote by mail voters pursuant
16 to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 3200); 3010. The county
17 elections official shall have five days to mail a ballot to each person
18 who has requested a vote by mail ballot *active registered voter* by
19 the 29th day before the day of the election and five days for each
20 voter who requests a vote by mail ballot *registers to vote* after that
21 date. The county elections official shall not discriminate against
22 any region or precinct in the county in choosing which ballots to
23 mail first within the prescribed five-day mailing period.

24 SEC. 2. Section 3002 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

25 3002. ~~(a) Notwithstanding Section 3001, a person granted~~
26 ~~confidentiality pursuant to Section 2166 shall be considered a vote~~
27 ~~by mail voter.~~

28 ~~(b) The provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section~~
29 ~~3200) relating to permanent vote by mail voters shall apply so far~~
30 ~~as they may be consistent with this section and Section 2166.~~

1 3002. All persons granted confidentiality pursuant to Section
2 2166 shall (1) be required to vote by mail ballot, and (2) in addition
3 to the required residence address, provide a valid mailing address
4 to the county elections official to be used in place of the residence
5 address.

6 *SEC. 3. Section 3004 of the Elections Code is amended to read:*

7 3004. A county elections official shall place a notice in an
8 office within the county where applications are taken for federal
9 passports or where military enlistments are received to inform
10 potential military or overseas voters of their right to a vote by mail
11 voter's ballot and where to obtain registration ~~materials and~~
12 ~~application forms.~~ *materials.*

13 *SEC. 4. Section 3005 of the Elections Code is amended to read:*

14 3005. (a) Whenever, on the 88th day before the election, there
15 are 250 or less persons registered to vote in any precinct, the
16 elections official may furnish each voter with a vote by mail ballot
17 along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the
18 election. The elections official shall also notify each voter of the
19 location of the two nearest polling places in the event the voter
20 chooses to return the ballot on or before election day. ~~The voter~~
21 ~~shall not be required to file an application for the vote by mail~~
22 ~~ballot and the ballot shall be sent as soon as the ballots are~~
23 ~~available.~~

24 (b) A precinct shall not be divided in order to conform to this
25 section.

26 *SEC. 5. Section 3006 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

27 ~~3006. (a) A printed application that is to be distributed to a~~
28 ~~voter for requesting a vote by mail voter's ballot shall inform the~~
29 ~~voter that the application for the vote by mail voter's ballot must~~
30 ~~be received by the elections official not later than seven days prior~~
31 ~~to the date of the election and shall contain spaces for the~~
32 ~~following:~~

33 ~~(1) The printed name and residence address of the voter as it~~
34 ~~appears on the affidavit of registration.~~

35 ~~(2) The address to which the ballot is to be mailed.~~

36 ~~(3) The voter's signature.~~

37 ~~(4) The name and date of the election for which the request is~~
38 ~~to be made.~~

39 (b) ~~(1) The information required by paragraphs (1) and (4) of~~
40 ~~subdivision (a) may be preprinted on the application. The~~

1 information required by paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (a)
2 shall be personally affixed by the voter.

3 (2) An address, as required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a),
4 may not be the address of a political party, a political campaign
5 headquarters, or a candidate's residence. However, a candidate,
6 his or her spouse, immediate family members, and any other voter
7 who shares the same residence address as the candidate may request
8 that a vote by mail ballot be mailed to the candidate's residence
9 address.

10 (3) An application that contains preprinted information shall
11 contain a conspicuously printed statement substantially similar to
12 the following: "You have the legal right to mail or deliver this
13 application directly to the local elections official of the county
14 where you reside."

15 (4) A printed vote by mail application that allows a voter to
16 submit the application by mail shall inform the voter of the address
17 for the elections official and specify that address as the only
18 appropriate destination address for mailing the application. Nothing
19 in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit an individual,
20 organization, or group that distributes applications for vote by mail
21 voter ballots from collecting or receiving applications from voters,
22 as described in Section 3008, by means other than having the
23 applications mailed directly to the address of the distributing
24 individual, organization, or group.

25 (e) The application shall inform the voter that if he or she has
26 declined to disclose a preference for a political party, the voter
27 may request a vote by mail ballot for a particular political party
28 for the partisan primary election, if that political party has adopted
29 a party rule, duly noticed to the Secretary of State, authorizing that
30 vote. The application shall contain a toll-free telephone number,
31 established by the Secretary of State, that the voter may call to
32 access information regarding which political parties have adopted
33 such a rule. The application shall contain a checkoff box with a
34 conspicuously printed statement that reads substantially similar to
35 the following: "I have declined to disclose a preference for a
36 qualified political party. However, for this primary election only,
37 I request a vote by mail ballot for the _____ Party." The name
38 of the political party shall be personally affixed by the voter.

39 (d) The application shall provide the voter with information
40 concerning the procedure for establishing permanent vote by mail

1 voter status, and the basis upon which permanent vote by mail
2 voter status is claimed.

3 (e) ~~The application shall be attested to by the voter as to the~~
4 ~~truth and correctness of its content, and shall be signed under~~
5 ~~penalty of perjury.~~

6 *SEC. 6. Section 3007 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

7 ~~3007. The Secretary of State shall prepare and distribute to~~
8 ~~appropriate elections officials a uniform application format for a~~
9 ~~vote by mail voter's ballot that conforms to this chapter. This~~
10 ~~format shall be followed by all individuals, organizations, and~~
11 ~~groups who distribute applications for a vote by mail voter's ballot.~~
12 ~~The uniform format need not be used by elections officials in~~
13 ~~preparing a vote by mail voter's ballot application to be included~~
14 ~~with the county voter information guide.~~

15 *SEC. 7. Section 3007.5 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

16 ~~3007.5. (a) The Secretary of State shall prepare and distribute~~
17 ~~to appropriate elections officials a uniform electronic application~~
18 ~~format for a vote by mail voter's ballot that conforms to this~~
19 ~~section.~~

20 ~~(b) The uniform electronic application shall inform the voter~~
21 ~~that the application for the vote by mail voter's ballot must be~~
22 ~~received by the elections official not later than seven days prior~~
23 ~~to the date of the election and shall contain spaces for at least the~~
24 ~~following information:~~

25 ~~(1) The name and residence address of the registered voter as~~
26 ~~it appears on the affidavit of registration.~~

27 ~~(2) The address to which the ballot is to be mailed.~~

28 ~~(3) The name and date of the election for which the request is~~
29 ~~made.~~

30 ~~(4) The date of birth of the registered voter.~~

31 ~~(c) The uniform electronic application shall inform the voter~~
32 ~~that if he or she has declined to disclose a preference for a political~~
33 ~~party, the voter may request a vote by mail ballot for a particular~~
34 ~~political party for the partisan primary election, if that political~~
35 ~~party has adopted a party rule, duly noticed to the Secretary of~~
36 ~~State, authorizing that vote. The application shall contain a toll-free~~
37 ~~telephone number, established by the Secretary of State, that the~~
38 ~~voter may call to access information regarding which political~~
39 ~~parties have adopted such a rule. The application shall list the~~
40 ~~parties that have notified the Secretary of State of the adoption of~~

1 such a rule. The application shall contain a checkoff box with a
2 conspicuously printed statement that reads substantially similar to
3 the following: “I have declined to disclose a preference for a
4 qualified political party. However, for this primary election only,
5 I request a vote by mail ballot for the _____ Party.” The name of
6 the political party shall be personally affixed by the voter.

7 (d) The uniform electronic application shall contain a
8 conspicuously printed statement substantially similar to the
9 following: “Only the registered voter himself or herself may apply
10 for a vote by mail ballot. An application for a vote by mail ballot
11 made by a person other than the registered voter is a criminal
12 offense.”

13 (e) The uniform electronic application shall include a statement
14 substantially similar to the following: “A ballot will not be sent to
15 you if this application is incomplete or inaccurate.”

16 (f) The uniform electronic application format shall not permit
17 the form to be electronically submitted unless all of the information
18 required to complete the application is contained in the appropriate
19 fields.

20 *SEC. 8. Section 3007.7 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

21 3007.7. (a) The local elections official may offer a voter the
22 ability to electronically apply for a vote by mail voter’s ballot. If
23 the local elections official offers the uniform electronic application,
24 the electronic application shall be in an interactive Internet format
25 to be completed through the local elections official’s secure Internet
26 Web site and may not be a downloadable form. The
27 nondownloadable form shall be of a format that would allow the
28 registered voter making an application for a vote by mail voter’s
29 ballot to enter the required information and submit the single form
30 directly to the elections official’s secure Internet Web site. The
31 local elections official shall make every effort to ensure the security
32 of the submitted information.

33 (b) Upon receiving an electronic vote by mail ballot application
34 that contains the required information within the proper time, the
35 elections official shall check the information provided against the
36 voter’s information on file. If the elections official deems the
37 applicant entitled to a vote by mail voter’s ballot, the elections
38 official shall deliver the appropriate vote by mail voter’s ballot by
39 mail or in person.

1 ~~(c) If the elections official determines that an electronic vote~~
2 ~~by mail ballot application does not contain all of the required~~
3 ~~information, or for any other reason is defective, and the elections~~
4 ~~official is able to ascertain the voter's address, the elections official~~
5 ~~may not mail the voter a vote by mail voter's ballot, but shall mail~~
6 ~~the voter a notice of defect. The notice of defect shall do both of~~
7 ~~the following:~~

8 ~~(1) Specifically inform the voter of the information that is~~
9 ~~required or the reason for the defect in the application.~~

10 ~~(2) State the procedure necessary to remedy the defective~~
11 ~~application.~~

12 ~~(d) An address, as required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (b)~~
13 ~~of Section 3007.5, may not be the address of any political party,~~
14 ~~a political campaign headquarters, or a candidate's residence.~~
15 ~~However, a candidate, his or her spouse, immediate family~~
16 ~~members, and any other voter who shares the same residence~~
17 ~~address as the candidate may request that a vote by mail ballot be~~
18 ~~mailed to the candidate's residence address.~~

19 ~~(e) Except as provided in Section 3007.5 and this section, all~~
20 ~~other sections of this code pertaining to vote by mail voter~~
21 ~~applications, submissions, deadlines, and canvassing shall apply~~
22 ~~to electronic vote by mail ballot applications and applicants.~~

23 ~~SEC. 9. Section 3007.8 of the Elections Code is repealed.~~

24 ~~3007.8. (a) A local elections official may offer a voter the~~
25 ~~ability to apply for a vote by mail voter's ballot by telephone.~~

26 ~~(b) To apply by telephone, the applicant shall provide to the~~
27 ~~elections official personal identifying information that matches~~
28 ~~the information contained on the applicant's affidavit of~~
29 ~~registration, including first and last name, home address, and date~~
30 ~~of birth. The applicant's signature shall not be required.~~

31 ~~(c) A person shall not apply for a vote by mail voter's ballot~~
32 ~~pursuant to this section using the name of, or on behalf of, another~~
33 ~~person.~~

34 ~~(d) Prior to being asked for personal identifying information,~~
35 ~~an applicant applying for a vote by mail voter's ballot pursuant to~~
36 ~~this section shall be advised as follows:~~

37 ~~"Only the registered voter himself or herself may apply for a~~
38 ~~vote by mail ballot. An application for a vote by mail ballot that~~
39 ~~is made by any person other than the registered voter is a criminal~~
40 ~~offense."~~

1 ~~(e) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all provisions~~
2 ~~of this code governing written applications for vote by mail voters'~~
3 ~~ballots shall apply to applications made by telephone.~~

4 *SEC. 10. Section 3008 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

5 ~~3008. (a) Any individual, organization, or group that distributes~~
6 ~~applications for vote by mail voter ballots and receives completed~~
7 ~~application forms shall return the forms to the appropriate elections~~
8 ~~official within 72 hours of receiving the completed forms, or before~~
9 ~~the deadline for application, whichever is sooner. The name,~~
10 ~~address, and telephone number of any organization that authorizes~~
11 ~~the distribution of the applications shall be included on the~~
12 ~~application.~~

13 ~~(b) Any application for a vote by mail voter's ballot that is sent~~
14 ~~by an individual, group, or organization to a voter shall be~~
15 ~~nonforwardable. Any vote by mail voter's ballot that is returned~~
16 ~~to an elections official as undeliverable shall not be forwarded by~~
17 ~~the elections official.~~

18 ~~(c) A person may not submit a vote by mail ballot application~~
19 ~~electronically for another registered voter.~~

20 *SEC. 11. Section 3009 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

21 ~~3009. (a) Upon receipt of any vote by mail ballot application~~
22 ~~signed by the voter that arrives within the proper time, the elections~~
23 ~~official should determine if the signature and residence address~~
24 ~~on the ballot application appear to be the same as that on the~~
25 ~~original affidavit of registration. The elections official may make~~
26 ~~this signature check upon receiving the voted ballot, but the~~
27 ~~signature must be compared before the vote by mail voter ballot~~
28 ~~is canvassed.~~

29 ~~(b) If the elections official deems the applicant entitled to a vote~~
30 ~~by mail voter's ballot he or she shall deliver by mail or in person~~
31 ~~the appropriate ballot. The ballot may be delivered to the applicant,~~
32 ~~his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling,~~
33 ~~or a person residing in the same household as the vote by mail~~
34 ~~voter, except that in no case shall the ballot be delivered to an~~
35 ~~individual under 16 years of age. The elections official shall deliver~~
36 ~~the vote by mail ballot to the applicant's spouse, child, parent,~~
37 ~~grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, or a person residing in the~~
38 ~~same household as the vote by mail voter only if that person signs~~
39 ~~a statement attested to under penalty of perjury that provides the~~
40 ~~name of the applicant and his or her relationship to the applicant,~~

1 and affirms that he or she is 16 years of age or older, and is
2 authorized by the applicant to deliver the vote by mail ballot.

3 (c) ~~If the elections official determines that an application does
4 not contain all of the information prescribed in Section 3001 or
5 3006, or for any other reason is defective, and the elections official
6 is able to ascertain the voter's address, the elections official shall,
7 within one working day of receiving the application, mail the voter
8 a vote by mail voter's ballot together with a notice. The notice
9 shall inform the voter that the voter's vote by mail voter's ballot
10 shall not be counted unless the applicant provides the elections
11 official with the missing information or corrects the defects prior
12 to, or at the time of, receipt of the voter's executed vote by mail
13 voter's ballot. The notice shall specifically inform the voter of the
14 information that is required or the reason for the defects in the
15 application, and shall state the procedure necessary to remedy the
16 defective application.~~

17 ~~If the voter substantially complies with the requirements
18 contained in the elections official's notice, the voter's ballot shall
19 be counted.~~

20 ~~In determining from the records of registration if the signature
21 and residence address on the application appear to be the same as
22 that on the original affidavit of registration, the elections official
23 or registrar of voters may use facsimiles of voters' signatures,
24 provided that the method of preparing and displaying the facsimiles
25 complies with law.~~

26 *SEC. 12. Section 3011 of the Elections Code is amended to*
27 *read:*

28 3011. (a) The identification envelope shall contain all of the
29 following:

30 (1) A declaration, under penalty of perjury, stating that the voter
31 resides within the precinct in which ~~he or she~~ *the voter* is voting
32 and is the person whose name appears on the envelope.

33 (2) The signature of the voter.

34 (3) The residence address of the voter as shown on the affidavit
35 of registration.

36 (4) The date of signing.

37 (5) A notice that the envelope contains an official ballot and is
38 to be opened only by the canvassing board.

39 (6) A warning plainly stamped or printed on it that voting twice
40 constitutes a crime.

1 (7) A warning plainly stamped or printed on it that the voter
2 must sign the envelope in ~~his or her~~ *the voter's* own handwriting
3 in order for the ballot to be counted.

4 (8) A statement that the voter has neither ~~applied, nor intends~~
5 ~~to apply, for a vote by mail voter's~~ *voted nor intends to vote a*
6 ballot from any other jurisdiction for the same election.

7 (9) The name *and signature* of the person authorized by the
8 voter to return the vote by mail ballot pursuant to Section 3017.

9 ~~(10) The relationship to the voter of the person authorized to~~
10 ~~return the vote by mail ballot.~~

11 ~~(11) The signature of the person authorized to return the vote~~
12 ~~by mail ballot.~~

13 (b) Except at a primary election for partisan office, and
14 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the ~~vote by mail~~ voter's
15 party preference may not be stamped or printed on the identification
16 envelope.

17 (c) Notwithstanding ~~paragraphs (9) to (11), inclusive,~~ *paragraph*
18 *(9)* of subdivision (a), a ballot shall not be disqualified solely
19 because the person authorized to return it did not provide on the
20 identification envelope ~~his or her name, relationship to the voter,~~
21 *their name* or signature.

22 (d) *County elections officials may continue to use existing*
23 *supplies prior to printing new identification envelopes that reflect*
24 *the changes made to this section by the act adding this subdivision.*

25 *SEC. 13. Section 3013 of the Elections Code is amended to*
26 *read:*

27 3013. Upon delivering or mailing a vote by mail voter's ballot,
28 the elections official shall enter on the ~~application of the vote by~~
29 ~~mail voter, or on the affidavit of registration,~~ *registration* the type
30 of ballot and the date of delivering or mailing. Before the election
31 the elections official shall send to the inspector of each precinct
32 in ~~his or her~~ *their* county or city a list of the voters in that precinct
33 applying for and receiving ballots under the provisions of this
34 chapter.

35 *SEC. 14. Section 3014 of the Elections Code is amended to*
36 *read:*

37 3014. (a) The elections official shall ~~send~~ *provide* a second
38 vote by mail voter ballot to any voter upon receipt of a statement
39 under penalty of perjury that the voter has failed to receive, lost,
40 or destroyed ~~his or her~~ *their* original ballot.

1 (b) The elections official shall provide a second vote by mail
 2 ballot to the voter’s representative upon receipt of a written
 3 request, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, signed by
 4 the voter under penalty of perjury, requesting that a ballot be
 5 provided to the voter’s representative. A ballot shall not be
 6 provided until both of the following occur:

7 (1) The elections official shall compare the signature on the
 8 written request with the signature or signatures in the voter’s
 9 record.

10 (2) The authorized representative shall sign an acknowledgment
 11 of receipt of the voter’s ballot.

12 (c) The voter shall mark the ballot, place it in the identification
 13 envelope, fill out and sign the identification envelope, and return
 14 the ballot pursuant to Section 3017. These ballots shall be
 15 processed and counted in the same manner as other vote by mail
 16 ballots.

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18 (d) The elections official shall keep a record of each vote by
 19 mail voter ballot sent to and received from a voter and shall verify,
 20 prior to counting any duplicate ballot, that the voter has not
 21 attempted to vote twice. If it is determined that a voter has
 22 attempted to vote twice, both ballots shall be void.

23 *SEC. 15. Section 3021 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

24 ~~3021. After the close of the period for requesting vote by mail~~
 25 ~~voter ballots by mail any voter unable to go to the polls because~~
 26 ~~of illness or disability resulting in his or her confinement in a~~
 27 ~~hospital, sanatorium, nursing home, or place of residence, or any~~
 28 ~~voter unable because of a physical handicap to go to his or her~~
 29 ~~polling place or because of that handicap is unable to vote at his~~
 30 ~~or her polling place due to existing architectural barriers at his or~~
 31 ~~her polling place denying him or her physical access to the polling~~
 32 ~~place, voting booth, or voting apparatus or machinery, or any voter~~
 33 ~~unable to go to his or her polling place because of conditions~~
 34 ~~resulting in his or her absence from the precinct for an election~~
 35 ~~may request in a written statement, signed under penalty of perjury~~
 36 ~~that a ballot be delivered to him or her. This written statement shall~~
 37 ~~not be required if the vote by mail ballot is voted in the office of~~
 38 ~~the elections official as defined by subdivision (b) of Section 3018;~~
 39 ~~at the time of the request. This ballot shall be delivered by the~~

1 elections official to any authorized representative of the voter who
2 presents this written statement to the elections official.

3 ~~Before delivering the ballot the elections official may compare~~
4 ~~the signature on the request with the signature on the voter's~~
5 ~~affidavit of registration, but in any event, the signature shall be~~
6 ~~compared before the vote by mail ballot is canvassed.~~

7 ~~The voter shall mark the ballot, place it in the identification~~
8 ~~envelope, fill out and sign the envelope and return the ballot,~~
9 ~~personally or through the authorized representative, to either the~~
10 ~~elections official or any polling place within the jurisdiction.~~

11 ~~These ballots shall be processed and counted in the same manner~~
12 ~~as other vote by mail ballots.~~

13 *SEC. 16. Section 3025.5 of the Elections Code is amended to*
14 *read:*

15 3025.5. (a) (1) A county that does not conduct an election
16 pursuant to either Section 4005 or 4007 shall provide at least two
17 vote by mail ballot drop-off locations within the jurisdiction where
18 the election is held or at least one vote by mail ballot drop-off
19 location for every 30,000 registered voters within the jurisdiction
20 where the election is held, *as determined on the 88th day before*
21 *the day of the election*, whichever results in more vote by mail
22 ballot drop-off locations.

23 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for a jurisdiction with fewer
24 than 30,000 registered voters, at least one vote by mail ballot
25 drop-off location shall be provided. The elections official shall
26 make a reasonable effort to provide a vote by mail ballot drop-off
27 location in the jurisdiction where the election is held.

28 (b) A vote by mail ballot drop-off location provided for under
29 this section consists of a secure, accessible, and locked ballot box
30 located as near as possible to established public transportation
31 routes and that is able to receive voted ballots. All vote by mail
32 ballot drop-off locations shall be open at least during regular
33 business hours beginning not less than 28 days before the day of
34 the election, and on the day of the election.

35 (c) At least one vote by mail ballot drop-off location shall be
36 an exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours
37 per day.

38 (d) For the purposes of this section, "vote by mail ballot drop-off
39 location" has the same meaning as in Section 3025.

1 *SEC. 17. Section 3101 of the Elections Code is amended to*
 2 *read:*

3 3101. (a) The Secretary of State shall see that this chapter is
 4 enforced pursuant to Section 12172.5 of the Government Code.

5 (b) The Secretary of State shall make available to any person
 6 who qualifies as a military or overseas voter information regarding
 7 voter registration procedures for military or overseas voters and
 8 procedures for casting ballots by military or overseas voters.

9 (c) The elections official for each district shall ensure that ~~his~~
 10 ~~or her~~ *their* jurisdiction has available a system that would allow a
 11 military or overseas voter to electronically request ~~and receive a~~
 12 ~~vote by mail application, an unvoted ballot, a ballot~~ and other
 13 information pursuant to this chapter.

14 (d) The Secretary of State shall develop standardized military
 15 or overseas voter voting materials as required by this chapter.

16 (e) The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content
 17 of a declaration for use by a military or overseas voter to swear or
 18 affirm specific representations pertaining to the voter’s identity,
 19 eligibility to vote, and status as a military or overseas voter, and
 20 shall further prescribe requirements for the timely and proper
 21 completion of a military or overseas voter’s ballot. The declaration
 22 shall be based on the declaration prescribed to accompany a federal
 23 write-in absentee ballot, as modified to be consistent with this
 24 chapter. The elections official for each jurisdiction shall ensure
 25 that a form for the execution of the declaration, including an
 26 indication of the date of execution of the declaration, is a prominent
 27 part of all balloting materials for which the declaration is required.

28 *SEC. 18. Section 3102 of the Elections Code is amended to*
 29 *read:*

30 3102. (a) Any voter who qualifies as a military or overseas
 31 voter pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 300 shall have the
 32 right to register for, and to vote ~~by a vote by mail ballot~~ in, any
 33 election within the state, including any general, special, or primary
 34 election for any federal or statewide office or state ballot measure
 35 that is voted on statewide. Any voter who qualifies as a military
 36 or overseas voter pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 300 shall
 37 also have the right to register for, and to vote ~~by a vote by mail~~
 38 ~~ballot~~ in, any other election for any office or ballot measure held
 39 in the precinct in which ~~he or she~~ *the voter* was a resident when
 40 ~~he or she~~ *the voter* was last living within the territorial limits of

1 the United States or the District of Columbia, or, for a military or
2 overseas voter qualified pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision
3 (b) of Section 321, in any precinct of the state in which ~~his or her~~
4 *the voter's* parent or legal guardian resided when the parent or
5 legal guardian last lived within the territorial limits of the United
6 States or the District of Columbia.

7 (b) When a military or overseas voter ~~applies for a vote by mail~~
8 ~~ballot, the application shall be deemed to be an affidavit of~~
9 ~~registration and an application for permanent vote by mail status,~~
10 ~~pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 3200). The~~
11 ~~registers to vote, the application shall be completed by the voter~~
12 ~~and shall contain the voter's name; the voter's date of birth; the~~
13 ~~address of the voter's residence in the state when the voter was~~
14 ~~last living within the territorial limits of the United States or the~~
15 ~~District of Columbia or, if qualified as a military or overseas voter~~
16 ~~pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 321, the~~
17 ~~address of the voter's parent or legal guardian when the parent or~~
18 ~~legal guardian was last living within the territorial limits of the~~
19 ~~United States or the District of Columbia; the address to which~~
20 ~~the ballot is to be sent; the voter's political party preference or a~~
21 ~~statement that the voter declines to disclose a political party~~
22 ~~preference; and the voter's signature.~~

23 (c) If an elections official receives a completed federal postcard
24 application from a person qualified as a military or overseas voter,
25 the application shall be deemed to be an affidavit of ~~registration;~~
26 ~~an application for a vote by mail ballot, and an application for~~
27 ~~permanent vote by mail status, pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing~~
28 ~~with Section 3200). registration.~~

29 (d) If the applicant is not a resident of the county to which ~~he~~
30 ~~or she~~ *the applicant* has applied, the elections official receiving
31 an application from a military or overseas voter shall forward it
32 immediately to the county in which the applicant resided when ~~he~~
33 ~~or she~~ *the applicant* was last living within the territorial limits of
34 the United States or the District of Columbia or, for a military or
35 overseas voter qualified pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision
36 (b) of Section 321, to the county in which ~~his or her~~ *the applicant's*
37 parent or legal guardian resided when the parent or legal guardian
38 last lived within the territorial limits of the United States or the
39 District of Columbia.

1 (e) ~~An application made pursuant to this section shall be received~~
 2 ~~by the elections official having jurisdiction over the election no~~
 3 ~~later than seven days prior to the date of the election if the~~
 4 ~~application is made solely as an application for a vote by mail~~
 5 ~~ballot.~~ An application made pursuant to this section *shall be*
 6 *received by the elections official having jurisdiction over the*
 7 *election and deemed to be an affidavit of registration shall be*
 8 *effective only if it is postmarked on or before the 15th day prior*
 9 *to the election.*

10 *SEC. 19. Section 3106 of the Elections Code is amended to*
 11 *read:*

12 3106. (a) A military or overseas voter who is living outside
 13 of the territorial limits of the United States or the District of
 14 Columbia, or is called for military service within the United States
 15 on or after the ~~final date to make application for a vote by mail~~
 16 ~~ballot, seventh day prior to the date of the election, may return his~~
 17 ~~or her~~ *their* ballot by facsimile transmission. To be counted, the
 18 ballot returned by facsimile transmission shall be received by the
 19 voter’s elections official no later than the closing of the polls on
 20 election day and shall be accompanied by an identification
 21 envelope containing all of the information required by Section
 22 3011 and an oath of voter declaration in substantially the following
 23 form:

24
 25 “OATH OF VOTER

26 I, _____, acknowledge that by returning my voted
 27 ballot by facsimile transmission I have waived my right to have my ballot
 28 kept secret. Nevertheless, I understand that, as with any vote by mail
 29 voter, my signature, whether on this oath of voter form or my identification
 30 envelope, will be permanently separated from my voted ballot to maintain
 31 its secrecy at the outset of the tabulation process and thereafter.

32
 33 My residence address (last U.S. residence for voter qualification purposes)
 34 is _____.
 35 (Street Address) (City) (ZIP Code)

36
 37 My current mailing address is _____.
 38 (Street Address) (City) (ZIP Code)
 39

1 My email address is _____. My facsimile transmission
2 number is _____.

3
4 I am a resident of _____ County, State of California, or am qualified
5 as an elector pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 321 of
6 the Elections Code and I have not ~~applied, nor intend to apply, for a vote by~~
7 ~~mail voted, nor intend to vote,~~ a ballot from any other jurisdiction for the same
8 election.

9
10 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California
11 that the foregoing is true and correct.

12
13 Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

14
15 (Signature)_____

16 (voter) (power of attorney cannot be accepted)

17
18 YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU SIGN THE
19 ABOVE OATH AND INCLUDE IT WITH YOUR BALLOT AND
20 IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE, ALL OF WHICH ARE RETURNED
21 BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION.”

22
23 (b) Notwithstanding the voter’s waiver of the right to a secret
24 ballot, each elections official shall adopt appropriate procedures
25 to protect the secrecy of ballots returned by facsimile transmission.

26 (c) Upon receipt of a ballot returned by facsimile transmission,
27 the elections official shall determine the voter’s eligibility to vote
28 by comparing the signature on the return information with the
29 signature on the voter’s affidavit of registration or any signature
30 permitted for comparison under Section 3019. The ballot shall be
31 duplicated and all materials preserved according to procedures set
32 forth in this code.

33 (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a military or overseas voter
34 who is permitted to return ~~his or her~~ *their* ballot by facsimile
35 transmission is, nonetheless, encouraged to return ~~his or her~~ *their*
36 ballot by mail or in person if possible. A military or overseas voter
37 should return a ballot by facsimile transmission only if doing so
38 is necessary for the ballot to be received before the close of polls
39 on election day.

1 *SEC. 20. Section 3110 of the Elections Code is amended to*
2 *read:*

3 3110. If any military or overseas voter returns to the county of
4 ~~his or her~~ *their* residence, or for a military or overseas voter
5 qualified pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section
6 321, to the county in which the applicant's parent or legal guardian
7 resided when the parent or legal guardian last lived within the
8 territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia,
9 ~~after the final day for making application for a vote by mail ballot,~~
10 ~~he or she~~ *they* may appear before the elections official and make
11 application for ~~registration, vote by mail ballot, or both.~~
12 *registration.* The elections official shall register the voter, if ~~he or~~
13 ~~she~~ *the voter* is not registered, and deliver to ~~him or her~~ *the voter*
14 a vote by mail ballot which may be voted in the elections official's
15 office or voted outside the elections official's office on or before
16 the close of the polls on the day of election and returned as are
17 other vote by mail ballots.

18 *SEC. 21. Section 3111 of the Elections Code is amended to*
19 *read:*

20 3111. If a military or overseas voter is unable to appear at ~~his~~
21 ~~or her~~ *their* polling place because of being recalled to service ~~after~~
22 ~~the final day for making application for a vote by mail ballot, but~~
23 ~~before 5 p.m. on the day before the day of election, he or she~~
24 ~~service, they~~ may appear before the elections official in the county
25 in which the military or overseas voter is registered or, if within
26 the state, in the county in which ~~he or she~~ *the voter* is recalled to
27 service and make application for a vote by mail ballot, which may
28 be submitted by facsimile, or by electronic mail or online
29 ~~transmission if the elections official makes the transmission option~~
30 ~~available.~~ *service.* The elections official shall deliver to ~~him or her~~
31 *the voter* a vote by mail ballot which may be voted in the elections
32 official's office or voted outside the elections official's office on
33 or before the close of the polls on the day of election and returned
34 as are other vote by mail ballots. To be counted, the ballot shall
35 be returned to the elections official's office in person, by facsimile
36 transmission, or by an authorized person on or before the close of
37 the polls on the day of the election. If the military or overseas voter
38 appears in the county in which ~~he or she~~ *the voter* is recalled to
39 service, rather than the county to which ~~he or she~~ *the voter* is
40 registered, the elections official shall coordinate with the elections

1 official in the county in which the military or overseas voter is
2 registered to provide the ballot that contains the appropriate
3 measures and races for the precinct in which the military or
4 overseas voter is registered.

5 *SEC. 22. Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 3200) of*
6 *Division 3 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

7 *SEC. 23. Section 10734 of the Elections Code is amended to*
8 *read:*

9 10734. (a) A special primary election shall not be held for a
10 special general election conducted pursuant to this chapter.
11 Candidates at the special general election shall be nominated in
12 the manner set forth in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 8000)
13 of Part 1 of Division 8, except that nomination papers shall not be
14 circulated more than 46 days before the special general election,
15 shall be left with the county elections official for examination not
16 less than 39 days before the special general election, and shall be
17 filed with the Secretary of State not less than 35 days before the
18 special general election.

19 (b) ~~Notwithstanding Section 3001, applications for vote by mail~~
20 ~~voter ballots may be submitted not more than 30 days before the~~
21 ~~special general election. Applications received by the elections~~
22 ~~official prior to the 30th day shall not be returned to the sender,~~
23 ~~but shall be held by the elections official and processed by him or~~
24 ~~her following the 30th day prior to the election in the same manner~~
25 ~~as if received at that time.~~

26 *SEC. 24. Section 13305 of the Elections Code is amended to*
27 *read:*

28 13305. (a) ~~Notwithstanding Sections 3022, 13300, 13303, and~~
29 ~~13315, 13300 and 13303~~ a county elections official may elect not
30 to mail a county voter information guide to a voter if ~~all~~ *both* of
31 the following are satisfied:

32 (1) ~~The voter is one of the following:~~

33 (A) ~~A permanent vote by mail voter pursuant to Chapter 3~~
34 ~~(commencing with Section 3200) of Division 3.~~

35 (B) ~~A voter in a mail ballot election conducted pursuant to~~
36 ~~Division 4 (commencing with Section 4000).~~

37 (C) ~~A voter in a precinct in which an election is conducted~~
38 ~~pursuant to Section 3005.~~

39 (2)

1 (1) The county elections official prepares and mails to each
 2 voter a document that includes all of the information required to
 3 be included in, and shall be accompanied by all the election
 4 materials required to accompany, the county voter information
 5 ~~guide, except for both of the following:~~ *guide.*

- 6 (A) ~~An application for a vote by mail ballot.~~
- 7 (B) ~~A notice that a vote by mail ballot application is enclosed.~~
- 8 (3)

9 (2) The voter is furnished with an official ballot pursuant to
 10 Section 3005 or 3010.

11 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 13303, for each
 12 voter to whom the elections official elects not to mail a county
 13 voter information guide pursuant to subdivision (a), the elections
 14 official may cause to be printed one less copy of the county voter
 15 information guide.

16 (c) If a county elections official elects not to mail a county voter
 17 information guide to a voter pursuant to this section, the elections
 18 official shall use any savings achieved to offset the costs associated
 19 with establishing a free access system for vote by mail ballots
 20 pursuant to Section 3019.5 before the savings may be used for any
 21 other purpose.

22 *SEC. 25. Section 13502 of the Elections Code is amended to*
 23 *read:*

24 13502. (a) With each nonpartisan vote by mail ballot that is
 25 sent to a voter who has declined to disclose a political party
 26 preference, the county elections official shall include a notice
 27 informing the voter that ~~he or she~~ *the voter* may request a political
 28 party’s ballot at the next ensuing partisan primary election if the
 29 political party has so authorized.

30 (b) *Prior to each partisan primary election, county elections*
 31 *officials shall mail to every voter who has declined to disclose a*
 32 *political party preference a notice and application regarding voting*
 33 *in the primary election. The notice shall inform the voter that the*
 34 *voter may request a vote by mail ballot for a particular political*
 35 *party for the primary election, if that political party adopted a*
 36 *party rule, duly noticed to the Secretary of State, authorizing these*
 37 *voters to vote in their primary election. The notice shall also*
 38 *contain a toll-free telephone number, established by the Secretary*
 39 *of State, that the voter may call to access information regarding*
 40 *which political parties have adopted such a rule. The application*

1 shall contain a printed statement that reads substantially similar
2 to the following: “I have declined to disclose a preference for a
3 qualified political party. However, for this primary election only,
4 I request a vote by mail ballot for the ____ Party.” This application
5 shall be submitted to the appropriate county elections official in
6 person, or by mail, email, or facsimile transmission.

7 ~~(b)~~

8 (c) In addition to any other method permitted by law, a voter
9 who has declined to disclose a political party preference may
10 request the ballot of a political party that has authorized a voter
11 who has declined to disclose a political party preference to vote
12 in its partisan primary election as follows:

13 ~~(1) In his or her vote by mail application pursuant to subdivision~~
14 ~~(e) of Section 3006.~~

15 ~~(2)~~

16 (1) By telephone pursuant to ~~Section 3007.8~~: all of the following
17 procedures:

18 (A) To request a party’s ballot by telephone, the voter shall
19 provide to the elections official personal identifying information
20 that matches the information contained on the voter’s affidavit of
21 registration, including first and last name, home address, and date
22 of birth. The voter’s signature shall not be required.

23 (B) A person shall not request a party’s ballot pursuant to this
24 section using the name of, or on behalf of, another person.

25 (C) Prior to being asked for personal identifying information,
26 a voter requesting a party’s ballot pursuant to this section shall
27 be advised as follows: “Only the registered voter themselves may
28 request a ballot from a political party. A request for a party’s
29 ballot that is made by any person other than the voter is a criminal
30 offense.”

31 ~~(3) Over the Internet if available pursuant to Section 3007.7.~~

32 (2) On an application over the internet if available.

33 ~~(4)~~

34 (3) By email or by facsimile transmission if permitted by the
35 county elections official: a written statement application submitted
36 in person, or by mail, email, or facsimile transmission.

37 ~~(e) No later than seven days before the date of a partisan~~
38 ~~primary election, a~~

39 (d) A voter who has declined to disclose a political party
40 preference and who has received a nonpartisan vote by mail ballot

1 may return their unvoted ballot to the county elections official and
2 request and receive the ballot for a political party if the political
3 party has authorized a voter who has declined to disclose a political
4 party preference to vote in its partisan primary election.

5 *(e) The Secretary of State shall prepare and distribute to county
6 elections officials a uniform application format for a voter to
7 request a political party's ballot at the next ensuing partisan
8 election if the political party has so authorized.*

9 *SEC. 26. Section 15105 of the Elections Code is amended to
10 read:*

11 ~~15105. Prior to processing and opening the identification
12 envelopes of vote by mail voters, the elections official shall make
13 available a list of vote by mail voters for public inspection, from
14 which challenges may be presented. Challenges to a vote by mail
15 voter may be made for the same reasons as those made against a
16 voter voting at a polling place. In addition, a challenge may be
17 entered on the grounds that the ballot was not received within the
18 time provided by this code or that a person is imprisoned for a
19 currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction
20 of a felony. All challenges shall be made prior to the opening of
21 the identification envelope of the challenged vote by mail voter.~~

22 *SEC. 27. Section 15377 of the Elections Code is amended to
23 read:*

24 15377. (a) The elections official shall identify and provide to
25 the Secretary of State within 31 days of the election the number
26 of *vote by mail* ballots rejected, categorized according to the reason
27 for the rejection. The Secretary of State shall provide uniform *vote
28 by mail ballot rejection* reason codes for each category of rejection
29 to be used by elections officials for reporting under this section.

30 (b) Upon receipt of the information described in subdivision
31 (a), the Secretary of State shall publish a report containing the
32 information for every election, including local special elections,
33 on the Secretary of State's internet website.

34 *SEC. 28. Section 17504 of the Elections Code is amended to
35 read:*

36 17504. (a) The following provisions apply to those elections
37 where candidates for one or more of the following offices are voted
38 upon: President of the United States, Vice President of the United
39 States, United States Senator, and United States Representative.

1 (b) The elections official shall preserve all applications for vote
2 by mail ballots for a period of 22 months from the date of the
3 election.

4 (c) *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024,*
5 *and as of that date is repealed.*

6 *SEC. 29. Section 17505 of the Elections Code is amended to*
7 *read:*

8 17505. (a) The following provisions apply to all state or local
9 elections not provided for in subdivision (a) of Section 17504. An
10 election is not deemed a state or local election if votes for
11 candidates for federal office may be cast on the same ballot as
12 votes for candidates for state or local office.

13 (b) The elections official shall preserve all applications for vote
14 by mail ballots for a period of six months from the date of the
15 election.

16 (c) *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024,*
17 *and as of that date is repealed.*

18 *SEC. 30. Section 18107.5 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

19 ~~18107.5. Every person who willfully violates subdivision (c)~~
20 ~~of Section 3008 is guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not~~
21 ~~to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per application.~~

22 *SEC. 31. Section 18402 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

23 ~~18402. Any individual, group, or organization that knowingly~~
24 ~~distributes any application for a vote by mail ballot that does not~~
25 ~~conform to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3000) of Division~~
26 ~~3 is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

27 *SEC. 32. Section 18576 of the Elections Code is repealed.*

28 ~~18576. Any person who willfully (a) interferes with the prompt~~
29 ~~delivery of a completed vote by mail ballot application, (b) retains~~
30 ~~a completed vote by mail ballot application, without the voter's~~
31 ~~authorization, for more than three days excluding weekends and~~
32 ~~state holidays, or by the deadline for return of vote by mail ballot~~
33 ~~applications, whichever is earlier, or (c) denies an applicant the~~
34 ~~right to return his or her own completed vote by mail ballot~~
35 ~~application to the local elections official having jurisdiction over~~
36 ~~the election, is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

37 *SEC. 33. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
38 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
39 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*

1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

3 SECTION 1. ~~Section 13305 of the Elections Code is amended~~
 4 ~~to read:~~

5 ~~13305. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 3022, 13300, and 13303,~~
 6 ~~a county elections official may elect not to mail a county voter~~
 7 ~~information guide to a voter if all of the following are satisfied:~~

8 ~~(1) The voter is one of the following:~~

9 ~~(A) A permanent vote by mail voter pursuant to Chapter 3~~
 10 ~~(commencing with Section 3200) of Division 3.~~

11 ~~(B) A voter in a mail ballot election conducted pursuant to~~
 12 ~~Division 4 (commencing with Section 4000).~~

13 ~~(C) A voter in a precinct in which an election is conducted~~
 14 ~~pursuant to Section 3005.~~

15 ~~(2) The county elections official prepares and mails to each~~
 16 ~~voter a document that includes all of the information required to~~
 17 ~~be included in, and shall be accompanied by all the election~~
 18 ~~materials required to accompany, the county voter information~~
 19 ~~guide, except for both of the following:~~

20 ~~(A) An application for a vote by mail ballot.~~

21 ~~(B) A notice that a vote by mail ballot application is enclosed.~~

22 ~~(3) The voter is furnished with an official ballot pursuant to~~
 23 ~~Section 3005 or 3010.~~

24 ~~(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 13303, for each~~
 25 ~~voter to whom the elections official elects not to mail a county~~
 26 ~~voter information guide pursuant to subdivision (a), the elections~~
 27 ~~official may cause to be printed one less copy of the county voter~~
 28 ~~information guide.~~

29 ~~(c) If a county elections official elects not to mail a county voter~~
 30 ~~information guide to a voter pursuant to this section, the elections~~
 31 ~~official shall use any savings achieved to offset the costs associated~~
 32 ~~with establishing a free access system for vote by mail ballots~~
 33 ~~pursuant to Section 3019.5 before the savings may be used for any~~
 34 ~~other purpose.~~

35 SEC. 2. ~~Section 13315 of the Elections Code is repealed.~~

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