

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.40
(ID # 28846)

MEETING DATE:
Monday, September 22, 2025

FROM : REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Approval of Election Services for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election and a Budget Adjustment of \$16,329,709 to Accept revenue to Conduct the Election Pursuant to Senate Bill 280; and Receive and File the Registrar's Update, All Districts. [\$16,329,709 - 100% State Funds] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Registrar of Voters to conduct election services for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election,
2. Approve and accept \$16,329,709 from the Department of Finance, pursuant to Senate Bill 280, to conduct the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election,
3. Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make the budget adjustment shown in Schedule A; and
4. Receive and File the Registrar's November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election Update.


ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Consent


Art Tinoco, Registrar of Voters 9/15/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Medina, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: September 22, 2025
xc: ROV, Auditor

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 16,329,709	\$ 0	\$ 16,329,709	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 16,329,709	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State Funds			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On August 21, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill No. 280 (SB 280) into law, calling a Statewide Special Election for November 4, 2025 (see Attachment A). The bill sets timelines and procedures for administering the election, including early availability of petition forms, adjustments to vote center ratios, and funding provisions to support counties to administer the special election.

SB 280 specifically calls the special election for voters to decide on Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 (ACA 8), which will appear on the ballot as Proposition 50 (see Attachment B).

Election Update

The ROV leadership team will meet the critical deadlines per Election Code and Law to successfully conduct the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. Information is available on the ROV website at [November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election | County of Riverside Registrar of Voters](#)

Key Dates

Vote By Mail Ballots

- September 19: Military and Overseas Ballots were mailed.

County Voter Information Guide (English/Spanish)

- September 25-October 1: The Registrar of Voters will mail English and Spanish guides.

Public Logic and Accuracy Testing

- October 2: ROV will conduct and test all components of the voting system to ensure accuracy. The public will be invited to observe.

Vote by Mail Ballots

- October 6: Ballots will be mailed to over 1.4 million registered voters.

Early Voting (Several Dates)

- Registrar of Voters office will be open to the public for in-person voting beginning October 6th. ROV will be open on the following weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for in-person voting October 25-26 and November 1 -2. Alternatively, voters have the option to

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drop off their voted ballots in one of two secure drop boxes outside of the ROV office available 24 hours a day/7days a week.

Ballot Drop-Off Sites

- October 6-November 4: A total of 95 ballot drop-off sites throughout Riverside County will be open. To view a full list of sites and hours visit [November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election | County of Riverside Registrar of Voters](#)

Election Observer Panel

- October 2: ROV will conduct an Election Observer Panel and Tour which will be open to the public.

Last Day to Register to Vote

- October 20: The last day to register to vote or change a political party. Same day voter registration will be available through Election Day at any Vote Center.

Vote Centers

- October 25-October 26: 11-day Vote Centers will be open.
A total of 24 Vote Center locations will operate throughout Riverside County.
- November 1-November 2: 4-day Vote Centers will be open.
A total of 32 Vote Center locations will operate throughout Riverside County.

To view a full list of Vote Center sites and hours visit [November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election | County of Riverside Registrar of Voters](#)

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Registered voters in the County of Riverside will have the opportunity to vote for state Proposition 50.

Additional Fiscal Information

SB 280 appropriates funds ahead of the special election from the State General Fund to the Controller for the actual and reasonably necessary costs to counties to administer the special election, as determined by the Director of Finance (see Attachment C and D). Any excess funds received by the county shall be used to offset state costs for the next statewide election conducted by the county.

The Registrar of Voters has refined costs to account for election expenses for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. Election Expenses include hiring approximately 1,100 temporary (TAP) employees; approximately 600 election workers to operate 54 Vote Centers; secure transport of equipment to Vote Centers; materials and supplies to support the operation of both secure Ballot Drop Off Sites and Voter Centers; on site security personnel, and other related election activities. The ROV is requesting to increase appropriations and revenue to conduct the election as shown in Schedule A below. Funds are expected to be received by the County at the end of September 2025.

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**SCHEDULE A
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

FY 2025/2026

Increase Estimated Revenue:

10000-1700100000-755320	CA-Misc State Reimbursements	\$16,329,709
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Increase Appropriations:

10000-1700100000-510040	Regular Salaries	\$1,903,968
10000-1700100000-510320	Temporary Salaries	5,334,750
10000-1700100000-520330	Communications Service	10,359
10000-1700100000-521560	Maintenance-Other	6,220
10000-1700100000-521640	Maintenance-Software	28,156
10000-1700100000-523660	Computer Supplies	46,183
10000-1700100000-523700	Office Supplies	900,000
10000-1700100000-523750	Postage-Mailing Expense	2,005,663
10000-1700100000-527380	Elections	2,750,917
10000-1700100000-523800	Printing/Binding	2,258,783
10000-1700100000-524960	Interpreters-Translator Fees	10,000
10000-1700100000-525020	Legal Services	15,000
10000-1700100000-526410	Legally Required Services	1,500
10000-1700100000-525320	Security Guard Services	308,362
10000-1700100000-526700	Rent-Lease Bldgs.	30,000
10000-1700100000-528960	Lodging	1,000
10000-1700100000-528980	Meals	1,000
10000-1700100000-529120	Transportation	717,848

Total \$16,329,709

ATTACHMENTS:


ATTACHMENT A. SENATE BILL NO. 280 (SB 280)
ATTACHMENT B. ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 8 (ACA 8)
ATTACHMENT C. LETTER DOF REGARDING SPECIAL ELECTION COUNTY ALLOCATIONS
ATTACHMENT D. 2025.09.16 LETTER FROM DOF RE 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION COUNTY ALLOCATIONS

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Senate Bill No. 280

AUG 21 2025

Passed the Senate



Secretary of the Senate

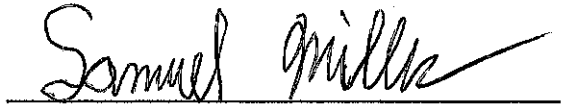
AUG 21 2025

Passed the Assembly



Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this 21st day
of August, 2025, at 3:45 o'clock P.M.



Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add and repeal Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 8160) of Part 1 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, relating to elections, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 280, Cervantes. Elections.

(1) Existing law authorizes a candidate for elective office to submit a petition containing a specified number of signatures in lieu of all or part of the fee for filing nomination papers. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to make forms for securing signatures available to each candidate commencing 60 days before the first day for circulating nomination papers, except as specified, and requires candidates to file in-lieu-filing-fee petitions at least 30 days before the close of the nomination period.

This bill, for the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election, would require the Secretary of State to make those forms available beginning December 19, 2025. This bill would require the Secretary of State to prepare a calendar of key election dates and deadlines and requirements for the nomination of candidates by the date that the in-lieu-filing-fee petition forms are made available.

(2) Existing law requires each county elections official to provide the Secretary of State with specified information regarding the number of voters and their party preferences in the county and each supervisorial, Congressional, Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization district in the county on the 135th day before each direct primary election, with respect to all voters who are registered voters on the 154th day before the primary election. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to compile a statewide list of this information within 30 days after receiving it from each county elections official.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to determine, by December 19, 2025, whether it is feasible to include in the statewide list described above the number of voters by party preference in each congressional district with respect to all voters who are registered voters on the 154th day before the June 2, 2026,

statewide direct primary election. If the Secretary of State determines it is not feasible, the bill would not require that information to be included in the information provided by the counties and the compiled statewide list. The bill would require the Secretary of State to prepare a supplemental statewide list showing that information on a date specified by the Secretary of State, but not later than the 88th day before the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election.

(3) Existing law authorizes a candidate for elective office to designate that certain specified words appear below the candidate's name on the ballot, including, among others, the word "incumbent."

This bill, for the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election, would prohibit a candidate for the office of Representative in Congress from choosing the word "incumbent" as a designation to appear on the ballot. The bill would make conforming changes relating to the deadline for a person to file nomination documents for an office if a current holder of the office does not file nomination documents. These provisions would become operative only if ACA 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session is approved by the voters and another state adopts a new congressional district map that takes effect after August 1, 2025.

(4) The bill would repeal the provisions described in paragraphs (1) to (3) above on January 1, 2027.

(5) Existing law requires a constitutional amendment submitted to the people by the Legislature to appear on the ballot of the first statewide election occurring at least 131 days after the adoption of the proposal.

This bill would call a special election to be held throughout the state on November 4, 2025, and, notwithstanding the 131-day requirement, would require the submission of ACA 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session to the voters at that special election. The bill would authorize a local election called on or before August 8, 2025, and scheduled to be held on November 4, 2025, to be consolidated with the statewide special election. The bill would require that the impartial analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst for the state voter information guide for the special election include specified content regarding 2021 and 2025 congressional district maps.

The bill would specify the procedures under which the special election would be conducted. Counties that conduct all-mailed

ballot elections using vote centers would be required to maintain at least one vote center for every 30,000 registered voters from November 1, 2025, to November 4, 2025, and at least one vote center for every 60,000 registered voters from October 25, 2025, through October 31, 2025. Other counties would be authorized to consolidate polling places at a maximum ratio of one for every 10,000 registered voters.

The bill would appropriate an amount from the General Fund to the Controller for the actual and reasonably necessary costs for counties to conduct the special election, as determined by the Director of Finance. The bill would also appropriate an amount from the General Fund to the Secretary of State for the actual and reasonably necessary costs for the Secretary of State to administer the special election, as determined by the Director of Finance.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Appropriation: yes.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 8160) is added to Part 1 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, to read:

CHAPTER 1.5. JUNE 2, 2026, STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY
ELECTION

8160. This chapter applies only to the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election.

8161. For purposes of this chapter, “statewide direct primary election” means the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election.

8162. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 8106, forms for securing signatures on an in-lieu-filing-fee petition shall be made available beginning December 19, 2025.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 8106, the elections official shall reduce the required number of signatures on an in-lieu-filing-fee petition by the same proportion as the reduction in the number of days for the candidate to collect signatures on such a petition compared to the number of days for a candidate to collect signatures on a petition, as provided by subdivision (b) of Section 8106.

8163. Not later than December 19, 2025, the Secretary of State shall determine whether it is feasible to include the number of voters, by party preferences, in each congressional district in the state in the statewide list compiled by the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2187 with respect to all voters who are registered voters on the 154th day before the statewide direct primary election in accordance with paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 2187, and shall publicly announce that determination. If the Secretary of State determines that it is not feasible to include that information, all of the following apply:

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 2187, the information provided by the county elections official pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 2187 is not required to include the number of voters by political party preferences in congressional districts located in whole or in part within the county.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 2187, the statewide list compiled by the Secretary of State pursuant to that subdivision with respect to all voters who are registered voters on the 154th day before the statewide direct primary election shall not include the number of voters, by party preferences, in each congressional district in the state.

(c) (1) The Secretary of State shall prepare a supplemental statewide list showing the number of voters, by party preference, in the state and in each county, city, supervisorial district, Assembly district, Senate district, and congressional district in the state with respect to all voters who are registered voters on a date specified by the Secretary of State. The date specified by the Secretary of State shall be as soon as is feasible, as determined by the Secretary of State, but not later than the 88th day before the statewide direct primary election. The Secretary of State shall compile this list within 30 days of receiving the information specified in paragraph (2). A copy of this list shall be made available, upon request, to any elector in this state.

(2) For the purpose of preparing the supplemental statewide list required by paragraph (1), each county elections official shall prepare the information referenced in subdivision (a) of Section 2187 and provide notice to the Secretary of State by a date specified by the Secretary of State.

8164. Not later than the date that forms for securing signatures on an in-lieu-filing-fee petition are made available in accordance with Section 8162, the Secretary of State shall prepare a calendar of key election dates and deadlines and requirements for the nomination and election of candidates pursuant to California law, including this chapter.

8165. (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 13107, a candidate for the office of Representative in Congress shall not choose the word “incumbent” as a designation to appear on the ballot. This subdivision shall not be construed to prevent a candidate from choosing a designation of the elective office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents, to which the candidate was elected by vote of the people in accordance with paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 13107.

(b) (1) Section 8022, as it pertains to the office of Representative in Congress, shall not be operative.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 8020 or any other law, a person shall have until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the statewide direct primary election to file nomination documents for the office of Representative in Congress, if either of the following is true:

(A) No person who currently holds the office of Representative in Congress delivered nomination documents for that district by 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the statewide direct primary election.

(B) Every person who currently holds the office of Representative in Congress who delivered nomination documents for that district by 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the statewide direct primary election also withdrew those nomination documents before 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the statewide direct primary election.

(c) This section shall become operative only if Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session is approved by the voters and takes effect, and subdivision (b) of Section 4 of Article XXI of the California Constitution, as added by that constitutional amendment, becomes operative.

8166. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 2. (a) (1) A special election is hereby called to be held throughout the state on November 4, 2025.

(2) Notwithstanding Sections 10403 and 10406 of the Elections Code or any other law, a regular or special local election for the submission of any question, proposition, or office to be filled, which was called by a district, city, or other political subdivision on or before August 8, 2025, and scheduled to be held on November 4, 2025, may be consolidated with the statewide special election. A district, city, or other political subdivision shall not call a special election to be held on November 4, 2025, after the effective date of this act.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding Sections 9040, 9043, 9044, 9061, 9082, and 9094 of the Elections Code or any other law, the Secretary of State shall submit Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session to the voters at the November 4, 2025, statewide special election.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 13117 of the Elections Code, the measure described in paragraph (1) shall be designated as Proposition 50.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 9054 of the Elections Code or any other law, if a city, county, or city and county is required to provide a translation of ballot materials in a language other than English, the Secretary of State shall provide a translation of the ballot title and summary and the ballot label for the measure described in subdivision (b) to the city, county, or city and county not later than a date determined by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is not required to consult with an advisory body of language experts and nonpartisan organizations that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals that speak that language for these purposes. The translations of the ballot title and summary and the ballot label may be made available for public examination at a later date than the start of the public examination period for the state voter information guide, provided that the translations of the ballot title and summary and the ballot label shall remain available for public examination for eight days. A voter may seek a writ of mandate for the purpose of requiring the translations, or portions thereof, to be amended or deleted only within that eight-day period.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 13282 of the Elections Code or any other law, the public shall be permitted to examine the condensed ballot title and summary of the measure described in subdivision (b) for eight days. A voter may seek a writ of mandate for the purpose of requiring the condensed ballot title and summary,

or portions thereof, to be amended or deleted only within that eight-day period.

(e) Notwithstanding Sections 303, 9050, and 9051 of the Elections Code or any other law, the ballot label for the measure described in subdivision (b) shall not include a list of supporters and opponents.

(f) The impartial analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst pursuant to Section 9087 of the Elections Code for inclusion in the state voter information guide prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 9081 of the Elections Code for the statewide special election called by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of this section shall include all of the following:

(1) A hyperlink to the text of Assembly Bill 604 of the 2025–26 Regular Session.

(2) One or more visual depictions of the geographic map or maps of the congressional districts that were certified by the Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2021.

(3) One or more visual depictions of the geographic map or maps of the congressional districts that are created by Assembly Bill 604 of the 2025–26 Regular Session. For the purpose of complying with this requirement, the Legislative Analyst may use the geographic map or maps of the congressional districts that are displayed on the webpage of the Assembly Committee on Elections or of the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.

SEC. 3. (a) This section applies only to the statewide special election held on November 4, 2025.

(b) (1) A county that does not conduct the statewide special election pursuant to Section 4005 of the Elections Code shall provide at least two vote by mail ballot drop-off locations within the county or at least one vote by mail ballot drop-off location for every 30,000 registered voters within the county, as determined by the last report of registration issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2187 of the Elections Code, whichever results in more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations. For a county with fewer than 30,000 registered voters, at least one vote by mail ballot drop-off location shall be provided.

(2) A county that conducts the statewide special election pursuant to Section 4005 of the Elections Code shall provide at least two ballot drop-off locations within the county or at least one

ballot drop-off location provided for every 15,000 registered voters within the county, as determined by the last report of registration issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2187 of the Elections Code, whichever results in more ballot drop-off locations.

(3) A ballot drop-off location provided for under this subdivision consists of a secure, accessible, and locked ballot box located as near as possible to established public transportation routes and that is able to receive voted ballots. All ballot drop-off locations shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not later than October 7, 2025, through November 4, 2025. At least one ballot drop-off location shall be an accessible, secured, exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per day including regular business hours.

(c) A county that conducts the statewide special election pursuant to Section 4005 of the Elections Code may choose to have its vote centers open in accordance with the following provisions, in lieu of the requirements of paragraph (3) of, and subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (4) of, subdivision (a) of Section 4005 of the Elections Code:

(1) From November 1, 2025, to November 3, 2025, inclusive, for a minimum of eight hours per day at regular hours convenient for members of the public, and on November 4, 2025, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., inclusive, at least one vote center shall be provided for every 30,000 registered voters within the county, as determined by the most recent report of registration issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2187 of the Elections Code. For a county with fewer than 30,000 registered voters, a minimum of one vote center shall be provided.

(2) Beginning October 25, 2025, and continuing daily up to and including October 31, 2025, for a minimum of eight hours per day at regular hours convenient for members of the public, at least one vote center shall be provided for every 60,000 registered voters within the county, as determined by the most recent report of registration issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2187 of the Elections Code. For a county with fewer than 60,000 registered voters, a minimum of one vote center shall be provided.

(d) (1) A county that does not conduct the statewide special election pursuant to Section 4005 of the Elections Code may choose to follow the procedures described in this subdivision as an

alternative to procedures that would otherwise be applicable in that county.

(2) (A) While maintaining separate geographical precincts under the existing limits on number of voters provided in Section 12223 of the Elections Code, the elections official may establish consolidated precinct boards, located within the same physical polling place, serving the voters residing in multiple adjacent precincts established pursuant to Section 12223 of the Elections Code at a maximum ratio of one consolidated precinct board location for every 10,000 registered voters. These consolidated polling locations shall be open from November 1, 2025, through November 3, 2025, for at least eight hours each day at regular hours convenient for members of the public. On November 4, 2025, the consolidated polling location shall be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

(B) In establishing the consolidated polling places, the elections official shall take into consideration the boundaries of state legislative, congressional, county supervisorial, and any other affected local legislative districts.

(C) The elections official shall ensure that the consolidated polling places are equitably distributed across the county to afford maximally convenient options for all voters and are established at accessible locations as near as possible to established public transportation routes. A consolidated polling place shall be located within the boundary of one of the precincts it serves.

(D) (i) The consolidated polling places shall be equipped with voting units or systems that are accessible to individuals with disabilities and provide the same opportunity for access and participation as is provided to voters who are not disabled, including the ability to vote privately and independently, in accordance with Sections 12280 and 19240 of the Elections Code. Each consolidated polling place shall have at least three voting machines that are accessible to voters with disabilities.

(ii) The consolidated polling places shall comply with the accessibility requirements described in Article 5 (commencing with Section 12280) of Chapter 3 of Division 12 of the Elections Code, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.), and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(E) The elections official shall provide each consolidated polling place with enough ballots, provisional ballots, and provisional ballot envelopes to ensure every voter can be accommodated, as necessary.

(3) In a county with consolidated polling places as described in this subdivision, the elections official shall provide at least one location, open at least during regular business hours beginning not later than October 7, 2025, at which a voter may do any of the following:

(A) Return, or vote and return, the voter's vote by mail ballot.

(B) Register to vote, update the voter's voter registration, and vote pursuant to Section 2170 of the Elections Code.

(C) Receive and vote a provisional ballot pursuant to Section 3016 of the Elections Code or Article 5 (commencing with Section 14310) of Chapter 3 of Division 14 of the Elections Code.

(D) Receive a replacement ballot after submitting a valid replacement ballot request as provided for in Section 3014 of the Elections Code.

(E) Vote a regular, provisional, or replacement ballot using accessible voting equipment that provides for a private and independent voting experience.

(4) In determining the locations of consolidated polling places pursuant to this subdivision, the county elections official shall consider consolidated polling place location proximity to communities with historically low vote by mail usage. County elections officials shall also consider the other criteria described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (10) of subdivision (a) of Section 4005 of the Elections Code, to the extent data is readily available.

(5) After finalizing the locations of consolidated polling places, the county elections official shall provide public notice, in all legally required languages for that county, of the proposed consolidated polling place locations, post a copy of those locations on the county elections official's internet website, and accept public comments on the final locations. The county elections official shall accept public comment for at least 48 hours after providing public notice of the proposed locations. Following the public comment period, the county elections official shall consider any comments the official receives from the public and shall adjust consolidated polling place locations in response to the public comments to the extent the official deems appropriate. Notice of any adjustments

shall be immediately posted on the county election official's internet website and social media platforms.

(e) (1) The Secretary of State shall establish a process to consider requests from counties to adjust or partially waive the minimally required number, location, or operational duration of consolidated polling places described in subdivision (d), or to partially waive the provisions regarding the maximum number of voters in a precinct as required by Section 12223 of the Elections Code. The process shall include, but not be limited to, review and modification, denial, or granting of a county's request in a timeframe to be determined by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall not grant a county a complete waiver of the minimally required number, location, or operational duration of consolidated polling places described in subdivision (d), and shall not grant a county a waiver of the provisions regarding the maximum number of voters in a precinct as required by Section 12223 of the Elections Code that would result in more than 3,000 voters being assigned to any single precinct.

(2) (A) The Secretary of State shall not grant a partial waiver or modification to a county unless the elections official in that county demonstrates all of the following:

(i) The official made best efforts to secure the required in-person voting locations.

(ii) The plan will not have a negative disparate impact on disabled voters or any protected class of voters.

(iii) The plan will not reduce in-person voting locations below a number of locations necessary to safely and efficiently accommodate the anticipated demand for in-person voting services.

(B) For the purposes of this paragraph, "protected class" means a class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group, as referenced and defined in the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

(f) (1) Notwithstanding Section 15301 or 15372 of the Elections Code, or any other law, the elections official shall not certify the results of the November 4, 2025, statewide special election prior to the 28th calendar day following the election.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if during the official canvass there are no vote by mail ballots remaining for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 3019 of the Elections Code or to provide

their signature pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 3019 of the Elections Code and has not already done so, the elections official may certify the results of the November 4, 2025, statewide special election prior to the 28th calendar day following the election.

(g) Notwithstanding Section 3019 of the Elections Code, the elections official shall accept a completed signature verification statement, unsigned identification envelope statement, or a combined vote by mail ballot signature verification statement and unsigned identification envelope statement until 5 p.m. on the 26th calendar day following the November 4, 2025, statewide special election.

(h) Notwithstanding Section 15301 of the Elections Code, if the only ballots that the elections official has left to count as part of the official canvass are vote by mail ballots for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 3019 of the Elections Code or to provide their signature pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 3019 of the Elections Code, and the elections official does not need to continue the official canvass for at least six hours per day in order to complete the official canvass by the 28th calendar day following the election, the official canvass may be continued for fewer than six hours per day until completion.

SEC. 4. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure counties have sufficient funding to effectuate the November 4, 2025, statewide special election. An amount is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Controller for the actual and reasonably necessary costs, as determined by the Director of Finance, for the counties to conduct the November 4, 2025, statewide special election.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the Controller shall allocate these funds to counties according to a schedule provided by the Director of Finance. Any excess funds received by the county shall be used to offset state costs for the next statewide election conducted by the county. Each county shall report its final total cost to administer the statewide special election to the Secretary of State in a manner and by a date determined by the Secretary of State.

(c) An amount is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of State for the actual and reasonably necessary costs, as determined by the Director of Finance, for the Secretary

of State to administer the November 4, 2025, statewide special election.

(d) No later than April 1, 2026, the Secretary of State shall report on the final costs of the statewide special election to the Director of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The report shall include all of the following:

- (1) The total cost of the statewide special election by county.
- (2) The costs broken out by category for each county.
- (3) Any funds remaining, by county, that can be used to offset state costs for the next election conducted by the county.

SEC. 5. The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SEC. 6. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to hold a statewide special election on November 4, 2025, so that congressional district boundaries can be adjusted and implemented in time for the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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of the State of California

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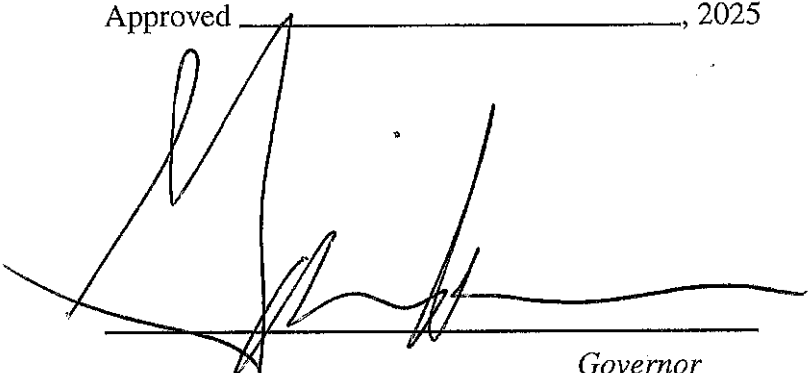
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Deputy Secretary of State

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Approved _____, 2025



Governor

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 8

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 156

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 8—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Section 4 to Article XXI thereof, relating to redistricting.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 21, 2025.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACA 8, Rivas. Congressional redistricting.

The California Constitution establishes the Citizens Redistricting Commission, which is required to adjust the boundary lines of congressional, Senate, Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts in the year following the year in which the national census is taken at the beginning of each decade.

This measure, which would include a legislative finding that it is in response to redistricting in Texas in 2025, would, notwithstanding the authority of the Citizens Redistricting Commission, require the state to temporarily use the congressional districts reflected in AB 604 of the 2025–26 Regular Session for every congressional election until the new congressional boundary lines are drawn by the commission in 2031.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California at its 2025–26 Regular Session, commencing on the second day of December 2024, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that the Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

First—This measure shall be known, and may be cited, as the “Election Rigging Response Act.”

Second—The people of the State of California find and declare all of the following:

(a) President Donald Trump has called on Republican-led states to undertake an unprecedented mid-decade redistricting of congressional seats to rig the 2026 United States midterm elections before voting begins.

(b) The State of Texas has convened a special session of its Legislature to redraw congressional district maps to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(c) The Legislature of the State of Florida has established a select committee to advance an extraordinary mid-decade redistricting to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(d) Republicans have urged the State of Ohio to conduct its mid-decade redistricting to unfairly produce more Republican seats in Congress.

(e) Republican officials in the States of Indiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nebraska, and South Carolina are also considering President

Trump's call for the mid-decade redistricting of congressional seats to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(f) President Trump and Republicans are attempting to gain enough seats through redistricting to rig the outcome of the 2026 United States midterm elections regardless of how the people vote.

(g) President Trump's election-rigging scheme is an emergency for our democracy.

(h) The 2026 United States midterm elections are voters' only chance to provide an essential check and balance against President Trump's dangerous agenda.

(i) California has long stood as a national leader for fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting.

(j) California calls on all other states to commit to fair and impartial drawing of maps.

(k) California has a duty to defend democracy.

(l) The 2026 United States midterm elections for Congress must be conducted on a level playing field without an extreme and unfair advantage for Republicans.

(m) The people of California, not politicians, should have the power to approve temporary congressional district maps in response to President Trump's election-rigging scheme.

(n) It is the intent of the people that California's temporary maps be designed to neutralize the partisan gerrymandering being threatened by Republican-led states without eroding fair representation for all communities.

Third—That Section 4 is added to Article XXI thereof, to read:

SEC. 4. (a) It is the policy of the State of California to support the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. The people of the State of California call on the Congress of the United States to pass federal legislation and propose an amendment of the United States Constitution to require the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.

(b) In response to the congressional redistricting in Texas in 2025, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution or existing law, the single-member districts for Congress reflected in Assembly Bill 604 of the 2025–26 Regular Session pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 21400) of Division 21 of the Elections Code shall temporarily be used for every congressional election for a term of office commencing on or after the date this subdivision becomes operative and before the certification of new congressional boundary lines drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission pursuant to subdivision (d).

(c) (1) The Attorney General has the sole legal standing to defend any action regarding a congressional district map adopted pursuant to subdivision (b).

(2) The California Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in all proceedings in which a congressional district map adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) is challenged.

(d) The Citizens Redistricting Commission established pursuant to Section 1 shall continue to adjust the boundary lines of the congressional, State Senatorial, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts in conformance with the standards and process set forth in Section 2 in 2031, and every 10 years thereafter as provided in Section 1.

Fourth—The provisions of this measure are severable. If any portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, or application of this measure is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this measure. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have proposed, and the voters hereby declare that they would have adopted, this measure and every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, and application not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this measure or application of this measure would be subsequently declared invalid.



September 5, 2025

Honorable Malia Cohen
State Controller
California State Controller's Office
300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1850
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Controller Cohen:

Pursuant to Chapter 97, Statutes of 2025, the Director of Finance respectfully requests that the State Controller's Office remit payment to county elections officials for the statewide special election scheduled for November 4, 2025.

Specifically, Finance requests that \$251,306,359 be allocated in fiscal year 2025-26, as provided in Attachment I.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Jessie Romine, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916)445-8913.

JOE STEPHENSHAW
Director
By:

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Attachment

cc: Dr. Shirley N. Weber, Secretary of State
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September 16, 2025

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State Controller
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300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1850
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Controller Cohen:

Section 4 of Chapter 97, Statutes of 2025, provides authority to allocate General Fund resources to county election officials to administer the statewide special election on November 4, 2025. The Director of Finance respectfully requests that the State Controller's Office remit payment to county elections officials, totaling \$251,306,359 to be allocated in fiscal year 2025-26, as provided in Attachment I.

The allocations are to be paid from Item 0890-601-0001, ENY 2025, FI\$Cal Program 0705 Elections, Legacy Program 20.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Jessie Romine, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916)445-8913.

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak

Submit request to the Clerk of the Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Veronica Langworthy

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: 951-704-4210

Date: Sept 22, 2025 Agenda # 3.40

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

encourage with reservations
_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral

Review documents attached to agenda

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

_____ Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

Parking validations available for speakers only – see Clerk of the Board.

(Revised: 04/23/2025)

ROV 28846 Elec. Serv. for Nov 4, 2025
statewide Special Election and a
Budget Adjustment of \$16,329,709

BOARD RULES

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You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

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Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, ensuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo. **Speakers are prohibited from bringing signs, placards, or posters into the hearing room.**

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board. Please step up to the podium when the Chair calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chair adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

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Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chair's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chair:

The Chair will determine what order the speakers will address the Board and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using course, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chair may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.