

LWVC Bill Status Report--3/20/2011
Bills on Which the LWVC Has Taken a Position

Community College System

[SCA 5](#)

(Simitian D) Taxation: educational entities: parcel tax.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/6/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

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Position

Support

Education Pre K-12

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Position

Support

Energy

[SBX1 2](#)

(Simitian D) Energy: renewable energy resources.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/15/2011-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 3/15/2011-A. THIRD READING

Calendar: 3/21/2011 #3 ASSEMBLY SENATE THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Would require an applicant to inform the United States Department of Defense of a proposed project and that an application will be filed with the commission if the site and related facility specified in the application are proposed to be located within 1,000 feet of a military installation, or lie within special use airspace or beneath a low-level flight path, as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

Health Care

[SB 810](#)

(Leno D) Single-payer health care coverage.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/10/2011-Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and RLS.

Location: 3/10/2011-S. HEALTH

Summary: Would establish the California Healthcare System to be administered by the newly created California Healthcare Agency under the control of a Healthcare Commissioner appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. The bill would make all California residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the California Healthcare System, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. The bill would require the commissioner to seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements, or legislation to allow various existing federal, state, and local health care payments to be paid to the California Healthcare System, which would then assume responsibility for all benefits and services previously paid for with those funds. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

Intergovernmental Relationships

[AB 46](#)

(John A. Pérez D) Local government: cities.

Current Text: Amended: 2/28/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/1/2011-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/1/2011-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would provide that every city with a population of less than 150 people as of January 1, 2010, would be disincorporated into those cities' respective counties as of 90 days after the effective date of the bill, unless a county board of supervisors determines, by majority vote within that 90-day period, that continuing such a city within that county's boundaries would serve a public purpose because the location of the city, in a rural or isolated location, makes it impractical for the residents of the community to organize in another forum of local governance.

Position

Support

Land Use

[SB 241](#)

(Cannella R) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 2/17/2011-Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and JUD.

Location: 2/17/2011-S. E.Q.

Summary: Would enact the CEQA Litigation Protection Pilot Program of 2011 and would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to select projects that meet specified requirements from specified regions for each calendar year between 2012 and 2016. The bill would exempt from judicial review, pursuant to CEQA, a lead agency's decision to certify the EIR of, or to adopt a mitigated negative declaration based on an initial study for, the selected projects, a lead agency's and responsible agency's approval of the selected project, and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency's selection of the projects. The bill would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, by December 31 of each year, to submit an annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature summarizing the designation of projects, and the job creation and investment attributable to the designated projects. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position

Oppose

Open Government

[SCA 7](#)

(Yee D) Public bodies: meetings.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/10/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/18/2011-Set for hearing March 29.

Location: 1/20/2011-S. JUD.

Calendar: 3/29/2011 1:30 p.m. - Room 112 SENATE JUDICIARY, EVANS, Chair

Summary: The California Constitution requires meetings of public bodies to be open to public scrutiny. This measure would also include in the California Constitution the requirement that each public body provide public notice of its meetings and disclose any action taken.

Position

Support

State and Local Finances

[SB 14](#)

(Wolk D) State Budget.

Current Text: Amended: 3/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/17/2011-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on Gov. & F.

Location: 3/17/2011-S. G. & F.

Summary: Would require that the budget submitted by the Governor to the Legislature for the 2014-15 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter be developed pursuant to performance-based budgeting, as defined, for each state agency. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

[SB 15](#)

(DeSaulnier D) State budget.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/6/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 2/22/2011-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 2/16/2011 hearing)

Location: 12/6/2010-S. G. & F.

Summary: Would instead require the budget submitted by the Governor to contain itemized statements, provisional language, performance measurement standards for state agencies and programs, recommended state expenditures, and a projection of anticipated state revenues, including

revenues anticipated to be one-time revenues. In addition, the bill would require the budget to contain an estimate of the total resources available for the state expenditures recommended for the budget year and the succeeding fiscal year, and would further require the budget to contain a projection of anticipated state expenditures and anticipated state revenues for the 3 fiscal years following the fiscal year succeeding the budget year, along with budget-related plans and proposals for those 3 fiscal years. In the event recommended expenditures exceed estimated revenues, the Governor would be required to recommend reductions in expenditures or the sources from which the additional revenues should be provided and to include an estimate of the long-term impact that the expenditure reductions or additional revenues will have on the state economy. The Governor would also be required to submit with the budget any legislation necessary to implement appropriations contained in the budget, together with a 5-year capital infrastructure and strategic growth plan. If the Governor's budget proposes to create a new state program or agency, or to expand the scope of an existing state program or agency, resulting in a net increase in state costs during the budget year or the succeeding fiscal year, or proposes to reduce a state tax resulting in a net decrease in state revenue in the budget year or the succeeding fiscal year, the proposal would be required to be accompanied by a statement identifying state program reductions or sources of additional state revenue in an amount that is equal to or greater than the net increase in state costs or net decrease in state revenue. The bill would also require the Director of Finance to provide to the Legislature, on or before October 15 of each year, updated projections of state revenues and state expenditures for the current fiscal year and for the ensuing fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

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Position

Support

Voting Rights

[AB 84](#)

(Fong D) Elections: new citizens.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/5/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/16/2011-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (March 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/16/2011-A. APPR.

Summary: Would additionally authorize a new citizen to register and vote at another location designated by the county elections official, and extend that period until the close of polls on election day. By increasing the duties of local elections officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

[AB 293](#)

(Hill D) Vote by mail ballots.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/16/2011-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/16/2011-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the local elections official to establish a free access system by which a vote by mail voter may find out whether his or her ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

[AB 461](#)

(Bonilla D) Write-in candidates.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/3/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

Location: 3/3/2011-A. E. & R.

Calendar: 3/29/2011 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING, FONG, Chair

Summary: Would require a liberal construction of these write-in vote processing provisions in the event of a manual recount to ensure that a ballot is counted if the voter's intent can be determined, regardless of whether the voter has complied with the voting instructions.

Position

Comment

[AB 503](#)

(Block D) Processing write-in votes.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/3/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

Location: 3/3/2011-A. E. & R.

Calendar: 3/29/2011 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING, FONG, Chair

Summary: Would require the elections official to include the results of a hand tally conducted pursuant to these provisions in the official canvass of the election. By requiring the elections official to perform additional duties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

[AB 663](#)

(Morrell R) Elections: voter identification.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/7/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

Location: 3/7/2011-A. E. & R.

Summary: Would require a person desiring to vote to produce and show proof of identification, as defined, to the precinct worker at the polling place. This bill would also provide for a voter to cast a provisional ballot if the voter declines to provide, or is otherwise unable to provide, sufficient proof of identification. This bill would also provide exemptions from the requirement to provide proof of identification for voters residing in state-licensed care facilities that are used as polling places, vote by mail and special absentee voters who cast their ballots by mail, and voters who establish a religious objection to being photographed. This bill would also provide that, for purposes of complying with the proof of identification requirement, a registered voter could obtain a state-issued identification card from the Department of Motor Vehicles at no cost. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Oppose

[AB 867](#)

(Swanson D) Elections: vote by mail ballots.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/10/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

Location: 3/10/2011-A. E. & R.

Summary: Would provide that an application for a vote by mail ballot must be received by the elections official between the 29th and 7th days prior to the election. The bill would authorize a voter to designate an authorized representative in writing to an elections official to receive, return, or both receive and return, that voter's vote by mail ballot. If a voter is unable to return his or her vote by mail ballot, this bill would authorize the voter to have his or her authorized representative return the ballot to the elections official regardless of whether his or her inability to return the vote by mail ballot is due to illness or physical disability. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

[AB 945](#)

(Donnelly R) Elections: voter identification.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/10/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

Location: 3/10/2011-A. E. & R.

Summary: Would require a person desiring to vote to produce and show a valid form of state-issued photographic identification to the precinct worker at the polling place. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Oppose

[SB 397](#)

(Yee D) Online voter registration.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 2/24/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

Location: 2/16/2011-S. E. & C.A.

Summary: Would authorize counties to develop and use an electronic voter registration system for the electronic submission of an affidavit of voter registration from a person who is qualified to register to vote, who has a valid California driver's license or state identification card, and who resides in that county. This bill would also authorize a person who is qualified to register to vote and who has a valid California driver's license or state identification card to submit an affidavit of voter registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the county elections official of the county in which the person resides if that county has opted to comply with the provisions of this chapter. This bill would specify certain conditions that must be met before the electronic submission of an affidavit of voter registration to a county elections official could become effective. The provisions of this bill would remain in effect only until the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Position

Support in
Concept

[SB 641](#)

(Calderon D) Voter registration: one-stop voting.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Status: 3/3/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

Location: 3/3/2011-S. E. & C.A.

Summary: Would establish one-stop voting whereby a person would be permitted to register to vote and immediately vote on election day or at any time prior to election day when ballots may be cast. The bill would require a voter, in order to register and vote by means of one-stop voting, to visit a location at which one-stop voting is available, to present proof of identity and current residence, as specified, and to complete an affidavit of registration. Upon completing that registration, the voter would be immediately eligible to vote by regular ballot. If the voter is unable to complete that registration because the voter is unable to present proof of identity or proof of current residence, the voter would be permitted to register and vote by provisional ballot. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

Total Measures: 19

Total Tracking Forms: 19