

## Agenda

# San Joaquin County Election Advisory Committee

San Joaquin County Administration Building, Training Room 146 44 N. San Joaquin St. Stockton, CA 95202 Thursday, March 13, 2025, 6:00 PM

#### I. Call to Order

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Roll Call

## II. Approve Minutes

1) Election Advisory Committee – Regular Meeting – January 9, 2025

#### III. Consent Items

- 1) Receive Communications Related to Voter ID Requirements and Same-Day Voter Registration
- 2) Receive B-24-559 Advise the Registrar of Voters to Proceed with the "First In, First Counted" Ballot Tabulation Method
- 3) Receive the Election Bills Introduced in 2025

## IV. Discussion Items

- 1) Discuss Vote-by-Mail and Ballot Drop Off Location Requirements and Recommend That the Board of Supervisors Advocate for the Removal of These Requirements from the California Elections Code
- Receive a Report from the Registrar of Voters on Current Voter Roll Maintenance Practices and Discuss and Recommend Potential Improvements Allowed by California Elections Code Section 2201

#### V. Public Comment

VI. Registrar of Voters Comments

## VII. Committee Comments



# VIII. Schedule Next Meeting

IX. Adjournment until the next regular meeting as identified by the Election Advisory Committee in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan for the Election Advisory Committee.

# San Joaquin County Election Advisory Committee Minutes

# San Joaquin County Administration Building, Training Room 146 44 N. San Joaquin St. Stockton, CA 95202

Thursday, January 9, 2025, 6:00 PM

- I. Called to Order 6:02pm
- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Roll Call Christina Gonzaga, Tony Amador, John Beckman, Supervisor Ding, Pat Barrett, Janese Vermeulen, Christian Santos, Aimee Rubio and Shirley Romero
- II. Approval of Minutes -
- 1) Election Advisory Committee Regular Meeting May 23, 2024 Motion Aimee Rubio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Barrett, Approved
- 2) Election Advisory Committee Regular Meeting August 27, 2024 Motion Pat Barrett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aimee Rubio, Approved
- III. Consent Items
- 1) Election Officer Survey Responses Received
- IV. Discussion Items
- 1) Election Officer Experience on Election Day Deborah Collins & Mike Collins shared their experiences on election day at the Kennedy Center. There was a DOJ representative at their site as part of the federal poll worker program. The DOJ representative spoke to the students workers in Spanish. One suggestion for future elections is a stamp to track new voters and a separate area for new registrants.
- 2) Recommend the Board of Supervisors Write a Letter to President Trump to Require Individuals to Provide Documentary Proof of U.S. Citizenship in Order to Register to Vote in Federal Elections and Prohibit States from Accepting and Processing an Application to Register to Vote in a Federal Election Unless the Applicant Presents Documentary Proof of U.S. Citizenship Motion Christina Gonzaga, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Amador, Approved

Public Comment in support – Marsha Barton, Elisha Voyer, Ed Barton, Jody Graham

- 3) Recommend the Board of Supervisors Write a Letter to Governor Newsom Urging Him to 1) Require Voters to Show a Valid California Identification Showing they are a Legal Resident of California and Said County to Receive a Ballot and to Vote any Type of Ballot Allowed in that said Election in Said County and 2) Remove Article 4.5. Conditional Voter Registration (Sections 2170-2173) from the California Election Code Motion Christina Gonzaga, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Barrett, Approved
- 4) Receive an Update from the Registrar of Voters on the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election in San Joaquin County

70.68% Voter Turnout, 267,627 voters

105,194 – U.S. Mail Ballots

76,722 – Drop Box Ballots

34,200 - Ballots returned to Polls

48,900 – In-person ballots cast

1,933 – Voted Early

678 – Ballots returned to the ROV office

31% of the total votes cast were done utilizing in-person voting options during this election

All 25 Drop Boxes had security cameras live streaming 24/7, available to the public on the ROV website

Sheriff Escorts on Election Night for final pickups from Drop Boxes. Additional Sheriff escorts were also provided for transport from all 5 receiving centers to the ROV warehouse for Election Night Reporting

All ballots were under camera surveillance at all times once received at the County Administration Building, including during opening, sorting, inspection, scanning, and tabulation

There were 58 duplicate ballots

Same day registration was difficult to manage on election day

There were 9,000 same day voter registrations

## **Election Advisory Committee**

V. Public Comment – Marsha Barton on uncured ballots discrepancy, Jody Graham on Voter's Choice Act, Joni Shoemaker on vote curing, Sup. Ding on congratulating the EAC for their increase in in-person voting and San Joaquin County was not a vote center county and was not hooked up to the internet; next step is to advocate to the State and Federal Govt. as our issues are state and federal related.

VI. Registrar of Voters Comments – Thank you to all the volunteers; election day officer survey started in the 2024 primary and will continue; DMV updates motor voter on a regular basis; we are working with a few other counties to approach CACEO on our issues with same day registration; our election was the 2<sup>nd</sup> most expensive in the state and the country; certifying the election in 30 days was only law for the 2024 General Election; eliminating same day registration will reduce cost, prevent confusion and certify the election faster; there was a discrepancy in the number of ballots remaining to be processed vs. the Secretary of State number at zero.

New bills introduced in 2025 -

AB 5 Berman – Prompt tallying and release of election results

SB3 - Cervantes - Decrease time to certify elections

AB 16 - Alanis - Vote By Mail processing

AB 17 – Alanis – Precinct Maps

AB 25 – Demaio – CA Voter ID Integrity Act

AB 72 – Jackson – Language Assistance

VII. Committee Comments

Christian Santos – 40% Survey responses on election day indicated challenges with same day registration, election officer training and not finding people in the system

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting for March 13th

IX. Adjournment Motion Pat Barrett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aimee Rubio, Adjourned 7:47pm

## **Board of Supervisors**



Paul Canepa, Chair, Second District Sonny Dhaliwal, Vice Chair, Third District Mario Gardea, First District Steven J. Ding, Fourth District Robert Rickman, Fifth District Rachél DeBord, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

February 13, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of California 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Support for Voter ID Requirements and the Elimination of Same-Day Voter Registration Re: in California

Dear Governor Newsom:

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors urges your support for a California voter identification requirement for residents to receive and cast any ballot. Additionally, we advocate for eliminating same-day voter registration in California elections.

There are currently 36 states with laws that request or require voters to show some form of identification at the polls<sup>1</sup> and more than half of the country does not allow same-day registration<sup>2</sup>. While same-day voter registration was intended to increase voter accessibility, it has proven challenging to manage and has significantly delayed election certification. In fact, Secretary of State Weber finalized the 2024 General Election results on December 13, 38 days after Election Day, making California one of the last states in the country to certify results this past November.

California Elections Code § 2170-2173 allows Conditional Voter Registration (CVR), enabling eligible individuals to register and cast a provisional ballot within 14 days of an election, including on Election Day. However, the websites of both the Secretary of State and the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters state that the deadline to register for an upcoming election is 14 days prior.

We respectfully request your administration to support legislation that requires voter identification and eliminates same-day voter registration.

Sincerely,

Paul Canepa, Chair

Paul Canepa

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

San Joaquin County State Delegation C: California Secretary of State, Dr. Shirley N. Weber Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Voter ID Laws



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February 13, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump President 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: San Joaquin County Support for Requiring Voter ID and Eliminating Same-Day Voter Registration in California

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to share the attached letter our Board of Supervisors is sending to California Governor Gavin Newsom. The letter expresses the County's request to make voter identification a requirement for residents to vote, as well as to support legislation that eliminates same-day voter registration in California.

While same-day voter registration was intended to increase voter accessibility, it has proven challenging to manage and has significantly delayed election certification. In fact, California was one of the last states to certify election results this past November. California's Secretary of State finalized the 2024 General Election results on December 13, 38 days after Election Day.

San Joaquin County will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and holds a unique place in California's geography and history as one of the State's original 26 counties. California's population in the next 40 years is projected to be flat, however San Joaquin County will be one of three *growth* regions. Our County has a diverse, vibrant, and growing population, and is poised for great growth and opportunity in the coming decades, as families migrate eastward to take advantage of affordable housing, a lower cost of living, and excellent quality of life.

On behalf of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, we respectfully request your support for requiring voter identification when voting and eliminating same-day voter registration to enhance election integrity in California.

Sincerely,

Paul Canepa, Chair

Paul Canepa

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

Attachment

c: San Joaquin County Congressional Delegation

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February 18, 2025

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors 44 North San Joaquin Street Sixth Floor, Suite 627, Stockton, CA 95202

RE: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Election Policy Letter

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I write to express my sincerest disappointment in the letter the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisor's recently sent to Governor Gavin Newsom and the delegation of state legislators who represent the people of San Joaquin County. Your decision to approve transmittal of this letter through the consent agenda process goes against the spirit of transparent, good-faith governance. Any statement made by an elected board regarding the ability of Californians to engage in our most critical, fundamental democratic responsibilities, such as voting, deserves a robust discussion with an opportunity for the community's engagement.

The Board of Supervisors was elected to represent the people of the county and to be a voice for their concerns. Voting to send this letter while on consent effectively silences those constituents who voted you into office. The content of this letter, and the underhanded use of the consent agenda, undermines our county's strides for transparency, in what appears to be an attempt to circumvent the will and beliefs of thousands of Californians without providing the space or time for public comment and debate.

To be clear, the processes surrounding the approval and transmission of this letter reflect poorly on the Board of Supervisors' responsibility to be transparent and accountable to the people it represents. I implore the Board of Supervisors to revisit the contents of this letter, and ensure that the words expressed to your counterparts in Sacramento, myself included, are fully and truly representative of the sentiments of San Joaquin County residents.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom

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**Assembly District 13** 



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February 27, 2025

Dear Assemblymember Ransom,

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 18, 2025, regarding the Election Policy Letter that we sent to the Governor, dated February 13, 2025. We appreciate the opportunity to provide clarification on this matter and reaffirm our commitment to transparency and open communication. While we welcome open dialogue and constructive discourse, we are deeply disappointed by your letter, which disregards the transparent and deliberative process that led to the Board's decision.

I want to emphasize that the letter was approved with the full support of the Board through a unanimous vote as part of a publicly noticed and open meeting. We stand by both its content and intent.

## To clarify the process:

- On January 9, 2025, the County's Election Advisory Committee, a publicly noticed body composed of San Joaquin County citizens, unanimously approved two recommendations, which formed the basis of the letter.
- These recommendations were presented at our January 28, 2025, publicly noticed Board of Supervisors meeting as a Consent Item. The item was pulled for discussion, public testimony was received in support, and the matter was continued to allow for further Board review.
- On February 11, 2025, the item returned to the Board, was again pulled for discussion, and received no further public testimony. The Board then unanimously approved Board Order B-25-34, endorsing the recommendations and authorizing the letter's transmission to the President of the United States and the Governor of California.

We want to assure you that all applicable open meeting laws were followed throughout this process, with multiple opportunities for public engagement and discussion. Transparency and accountability remain core principles of our governance, and we value constructive dialogue on important policy matters.

Despite our difference of opinion here, we welcome the opportunity for productive, and solutions-oriented dialogue with your office. We share a common goal: ensuring fair, secure, and accessible elections for all San Joaquin County residents. We remain open to collaboration and invite future discussions that are rooted in mutual respect and a shared commitment to serving the public interest.



Sincerely,

Paul Canepa, Chair

District Two

Mario Gardea, District One

Steven J. Ding District Four

Robert Rickman, District Five

## **Board of Supervisors**



Steven J. Ding, Fourth District Nicole Goehring, Chief of Staff

October 3, 2024

Board of Supervisors 44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 627 Stockton, CA 95202

Advise the Registrar of Voters to Proceed with the "First In, First Counted" Ballot Tabulation Method and Discuss and Provide Direction to the ROV on Setting Up a System to Review Future Voter Education, Election Ballot and Election Outreach Materials

Fellow Board Members:

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Advise the Registrar of Voters (ROV) to proceed with the "First in, First Counted" ballot tabulation method, which is the ROV's existing practice; and,
- Discuss and provide direction to the ROV on setting up a System to Review Future Voter Education, Election Ballot and Election Outreach Materials

## **Reason for Recommendation:**

On September 24, 2024, the Board of Supervisors received a summary of Election Day resources for the November 5, 2024, Presidential Election and advised the Registrar of Voters (ROV) to prioritize the tabulation of in-person ballots before any other ballots, such as mail-in or provisional ballots (B-24-510). After further review, and feedback from other local government agencies, District 4 now recommends that the ROV proceed with the "First in, First Counted ballot tabulation method. This is the ROV's existing practice and such election administration ensures that initial results are reported promptly after the polls close at 8:00 PM on Election Day. Additionally, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors discuss and provide direction to the ROV on setting up a system to review future voter education, election ballot and election outreach materials.



# Vote-by-Mail Ballot Processing Required by the State of California

The Secretary of State maintains a system, known as Where's My Ballot? that allows voters to track their vote by mail ballot as it moves through the mail system and is processed by the county elections official (ROV). California Elections Code (CEC) Section 3019.7(a) requires San Joaquin County to use the Where's My Ballot? System because it does not operate its own "vote by mail ballot tracking system that meets or exceeds the level of service provided by the Secretary of State's system." This same requirement is included in Title 2, Section 19091 of the California Code of Regulations. Further, CEC Section 3019.7(a)(4) requires the ROV to process vote-by-mail ballots as they are received. This allows the Where's My Ballot? System to notify a voter when their ballot has been received by the county elections official. Once this process is complete, the ROV's election management system, and the statewide registration system, will list the voter as having already voted and require them to submit a provisional ballot if they attempt to vote in person at a polling place on Election Day. Because vote-by-mail ballots are received by the ROV first, they are processed upon receipt, which includes signature verification, and then separated from their envelopes. These processed vote-by-mail ballots are then tabulated first after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day before in person ballots and provisional ballots. The ROV is not aware of an instance when this situation has occurred in San Joaquin County. If this situation does arise it will be referred to the Sheriff's Office for further investigation, as it may indicate an attempt to cast a fraudulent vote.

The Board's advice in B-24-510 is part of the County's effort to encourage in-person voting. The ROV continues to support this effort by including information on voting in person in its voter education and outreach materials and promoting increased engagement in Election Day activities through the Adopt a Poll Program and the Elections Advisory Committee. However, the practical realities of the Secretary of State's Where's My Ballot? System will not allow a voter's in-person ballot to be tabulated instead of the vote-by-mail ballot previously submitted.

## Potential Impact of Prioritizing the Tabulation of In-Person Ballots on Election Day

Prioritizing the tabulation of in-person ballots will result in delayed results on the night of the election. Currently, the ROV processes vote-by-mail ballots as they are received. Vote-by-mail ballots that are received and processed on or before the Saturday before the election, and are not damaged or challenged, are tabulated once the polls close at 8 PM on Election Day. These results are released shortly after 8 PM, and they are the first results available to candidates and the public. The ROV will then process and tabulate in-person ballots received at polling places on Election Day, releasing updated results at two-hour intervals until all in-person ballots are tabulated. Finally, vote-by-mail ballots received after the Saturday before the election are processed and tabulated.

Because of the time required to process and transport the in-person ballots to the ROV's tabulation center, in-person ballot results are unavailable before 10 PM. Thus, waiting to tabulate vote-by-mail ballots until after in-person ballots will result in a two-



hour delay in the initial election results on the night of the election. This process represents a significant change from current practice and no other counties in California tabulate ballots in this manner.

Tabulating vote-by-mail ballots before the in-person ballots received on Election Day ensures the initial results are reported promptly after the polls close. To do otherwise represents a significant departure from the typical process employed by San Joaquin County and counties throughout the state and may confuse both candidates and the public on the eve of the November 5, Presidential Election.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

There is no General Fund Impact as a result of the Board providing this further advice to the ROV. The expenses associated with the November 5, 2024 Presidential Election are included in the 2024-2025 ROV Budget.

## **Actions to be Taken Following Board Approval:**

The ROV will proceed with her existing election administration, which includes the "First in, First counted" ballot tabulation method, and proceed with direction from the Board of Supervisors on setting up a system to review future voter education, election ballot and election outreach materials. Additionally, the ROV will draft and distribute its regularly scheduled press release with the Election Results Reporting Schedule for November 5, 2024.

Respectfully,

Steve Ding M A Supervisor, Fourth District

Cc: County Administrator
County Counsel
Registrar of Voters

Clerk of the Board for 10/8/24 Agenda

# Before the Board of Supervisors

County of San Joaquin, State of California

B-24-559

# ADVISE THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO PROCEED WITH THE FIRST IN FIRST COUNTED BALLOTS METHOD AND SET UP A SYSTEM TO REVIEW FUTURE VOTER EDUCATION AND ELECTION OUTREACH MATERIALS

THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY direct the Registrar of Voters to proceed with implementing the "First In, First Counted" ballots method for the upcoming election cycle;

FURTHER, the ROV will establish a comprehensive system to review all future voter education and election outreach materials to ensure accuracy, accessibility, and transparency.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on October 8, 2024 by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

MOTION: Canepa/Patti/5-0

AYES: Canepa, Patti, Ding, Rickman, Villapudua

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST: RACHÉL DeBORD Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of San Joaquin State of California



By: Rachél DeBord

## **Introduced Bills 2025 - Elections**

Measure	Author	Subject	Notes
<u>AB-287</u>	Lackey	Elections: polling places and vote centers	Published 1/22
AB-331	Pellerin	Elections: duties of election officials: voter information guides	Published 1/27
AB-351	McKinnor	Campaign contributions: agency officers	Published 1/30
<u>AB-359</u>	Ramos	Fair Political Practices Commission	Published 1/30
AB-459	DeMaio	Initiatives: qualification	Published 2/6
AB-465	Zbur	Political Reform Act of 1974: gifts	Published 2/6
AB-502	Pellerin	Elections: certified mail	Published 2/10
AB-590	Lee	Social Housing Bond Act of 2026	Published 2/12
AB-604	Berman	Voter registration: residency confirmation	Published 2/13
AB-699	Stefani	Elections: local bond measures: tax rate statement	Published 2/14
<u>AB-736</u>	Wicks	The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026	Published 2/18
AB-827	Berman	Voting: signature verification	Published 2/19
<u>AB-868</u>	Carrillo	Elections: campaign mass mailing prohibitions	Published 2/19
<u>AB-919</u>	Lowenthal	Confidentiality of voter information: cognitively impaired individuals	Published 2/19
<u>AB-930</u>	Ward	Elections: domicile	Published 2/19
<u>AB-939</u>	Schultz	The Safe, Sustainable, Traffic-Reducing Transportation Bond Act of 2026	Published 2/19
<u>AB-953</u>	Pacheco	Political Reform Act of 1974	Published 2/20
AB-1018	Bauer-Kahan	Automated decision systems	Published 2/20
<u>AB-1040</u>	Essayli	Elections: residency: displacement by natural disaster	Published 2/20
<u>AB-1072</u>	Pellerin	Elections: ballot mistakes	Published 2/20
<u>AB-1077</u>	Essayli	Voter registration: California New Motor Voter Program	Published 2/20
<u>AB-1079</u>	Ávila Farías	Civil appeals: stay of enforcement	Published 2/20
AB-1116	Berman	Elections: voter registration	Published 2/20
<u>AB-1141</u>	Lee	Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District: board of directors: election: compensation	Published 2/20
<u>AB-1164</u>	Ransom	Elections: vote recounts	Published 2/21

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<u>AB-1170</u>	Dixon	Maintenance of the codes	Published 2/21
<u>AB-1188</u>	Ortega	Certification of voting systems	Published 2/21
<u>AB-1214</u>	Patterson	Elections: official canvass	Published 2/21
AB-1259	Essayli	Remote accessible vote by mail systems: testing and examination: report	Published 2/21
<u>AB-1286</u>	Boerner	Political Reform Act of 1974: Fair Political Practices Commission	Published 2/21
<u>AB-1370</u>	Patterson	Political Reform Act of 1974: nondisclosure agreements	Published 2/21
<u>AB-1411</u>	Sharp-Collins	elections	Published 2/21
<u>AB-1441</u>	Soria	Fair elections	Published 2/21
<u>AB-1492</u>	Flora	Elections: vote by mail voters	Published 2/21
ACA-8	Pellerin	Elections: incumbent judges of the Supreme Court and courts of appeal	Published 2/20
<u>SB-42</u>	Umberg	Political Reform Act of 1974: public campaign financing: California Fair Elections Act of 2026	Amended 2/5
SB-266	Cervantes	Election materials: language assistance	Published 2/3
SB-270	Ochoa Bogh	Recall elections: notice of intention	Published 2/3
<u>SB-280</u>	Cervantes	Political Reform Act of 1974: prohibition on contributions in state and local government office buildings	Published 2/5
SB-316	Reyes	High school pupils: voter registration	Published 2/11
SB-321	Cervantes	Independent expenditures: reports	Published 2/11
SB-398	Umberg	Voter registration	Published 2/14
SB-405	Choi	Elections: voter identification	Published 2/14
SB-406	Choi	Elections: ballot submission deadline	Published 2/14
SB-407	Choi	Elections: official canvass	Published 2/14
SB-408	Choi	Voter registration: residency confirmation	Published 2/14
SB-417	Cabaldon	The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026	Published 2/18
SB-458	Niello	Initiative and referendum measures: title and summary	Published 2/19
SB-492	Menjivar	Youth Housing Bond Act of 2025	Published 2/19
<u>SB-558</u>	Padilla	Imperial Valley Healthcare District: voting districts	Published 2/20
SB-621	Grove	Voting	Published 2/20
SB-644	Blakespear	Elections Code: interpretation	Published 2/20
SB-689	Becker	Certification of voting systems	Published 2/21
	<del> </del>	Political Reform Act of 1974	Published 2/21

<u>SCA-1</u>	Grove	Educational expenses: school choice flex accounts and special education flex accounts	Published 1/15
SCA-3	Niello	Elections: initiatives and referenda	Published 2/19



12/03/2024 to 12/31/2024

Group Type	Records	User ID Group Type	Records	User ID Group Type	Records
		Voter Add	212	Voter Update	3
COVR Online Registration	16	Voter Update	57	COVR Online Registration	1506
Total:	16	COVR Online Registration	191	Total:	1509
		Total:	460		
Voter Add	107			Voter Add	29
COVR Online Registration	158	COVR Online Registration	1067	Voter Update	212
Total:	265	Total:	1067	Agency Cancel(Death)	744
				Agency Update	423
Voter Add	56	Voter Add	1	Agency Update(NCOA)	150
COVR Online Registration	33	Voter Cancel	2	COVR Online Registration	3083
Total:	89	∨oter Update	39	Total:	4641
		COVR Online Registration	2863		
Voter Add	31	Total:	2905	COVR Online Registration	52
COVR Online Registration	30			Total:	52
Total:	61	∨oter Update	112		
		COVR Online Registration	2	Voter Add	15
COVR Online Registration	1	Total:	114	COVR Online Registration	1101
Total:	1			Total:	1116
		Voter Update	273		
Voter Add	95	Total:	273		
COVR Online Registration	166				
Total:	261	COVR Online Registration	575		
		Total:	575		
Voter Update	29				
Total:	29	COVR Online Registration	902		
		Total:	902		
Voter 3PCOA	84				
Voter Add	13	COVR Online Registration	230		
Voter Update	17	Total:	230		
Agency Update	311				
Agency Update(Auto NCOA)	681	Voter Cancel	1		
Agency Update(No Match)	1	Voter Update	17		
COVR Online Registration	2548	COVR Online Registration	1276		
Total:	3655	Total:	1294		



01/01/2025 to 01/31/2025

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			Total:	18	
	COVR Online Registration	191			
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			Voter Update	11	
	Voter Update	76	COVR Online Registration	400	
	Total:	76	Total:	412	
	Voter Cancel	96	COVR Online Registration	30	
	Voter Update	488	Total:	30	
	Agency Cancel(Death)	232			
	Agency Update	240	Voter 3PCOA	712	
	Agency Update(Auto NCOA)	763	Voter Cancel	15	
	Agency Update(NCOA)	70	Voter Update	98	
	Agency Update(No Match)	1	Agency Cancel(Death)	137	
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	Total:	106	COVR Online Registration	6163	
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	Voter Add	1			•
	Voter Cancel	286			
	Voter Update	755			
	COVR Online Registration	3185			
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	COVR Online Registration	18			



02/01/2025 to 02/28/2025

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	Voter Update	34	
	Total:	34	
	Voter 3PCOA	22	
	Voter Add	1	
	Voter Update	164	
	Agency Update	21	
	Agency Update(Auto NCOA)	767	
	Agency Update(NCOA)	92	
	VoteCal Push Voter	34	
	COVR Online Registration	345	
	Total:	1446	
	Voter Add	67	
	Voter Cancel	1	
	Voter Update	31	
	COVR Online Registration	356	
	Total:	455	
	Voter 3PCOA	238	
	Voter Cancel	61	
	Voter Update	162	
	COVR Online Registration	1680	
	Total:	2141	
	Voter Update	144	
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	Voter Cancel	1	
	Voter Update	1	
	Total:	2	
	Voter 3PCOA	70	
	Voter Add	11	

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	Voter Cancel	27		
,	Voter Update	222		
	Agency Cancel(Death)	310		
	Agency Update	482		
	Agency Update(NCOA)	5		
	COVR Online Registration	726		
	Total:	1853		
,	Voter Add	14		
,	Voter Update	5		
	COVR Online Registration	4150		
	Total:	4169		

Records



03/01/2025 to 03/07/2025

User ID	Group Type	Records	User
	Voter Update	18	
	Total:	18	
	Voter Update	3	
	Agency Update	16	
	Agency Update(Auto NCOA)	1	
	COVR Online Registration	394	
	Total:	414	
1	Voter Add	22	
	COVR Online Registration	44	
	Total:	66	
	Voter 3PCOA	115	
	Voter Cancel	10	
	Voter Update	27	
	COVR Online Registration	449	
	Total:	601	
	Voter Update	71	
	Total:	71	
	Voter Update	24	
	Total:	24	
	Voter 3PCOA	22	
	Voter Cancel	2	
	Voter Update	35	
	Agency Cancel(Death)	96	
	Agency Update	105	
	Agency Update(NCOA)	2	
	COVR Online Registration	471	
	Total:	733	

ID Croup Type	Records	User ID
ID Group Type	Records	USELID
Voter Add	15	
Voter Update	2	
COVR Online Registration	545	
Total:	562	

**Group Type** 

Records

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	1112
	Total	1112
	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	3
	NCOA Potential Address Change	3
	Potential Duplicate Match	1003
	Potential Duplicate Match For Confidential Voter	1
	Resolve UID	5
	Total	1015
	Potential Duplicate Match	1
	Total	1
	Resolve UID	3
	Total	3
	Potential Duplicate Match	113
	Total	113

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	1550
	Total	1550
	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	445
	Merge Voter Determine Survivor For Confidential Voter	2
	NCOA Potential Address Change	858
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	205
	Potential Duplicate Match	619
	Push Voter	73
	Resolve UID	2564
	Total	4766
	Merge Voter Determine Survivor For Confidential Voter	1
	Potential Duplicate Match For Confidential Voter	1
	Total	2
	Potential Duplicate Match	257
	Total	257

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	973
	Total	973
	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	50
	NCOA Potential Address Change	496
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	161
	Potential DMV COA To Voter For Confidential Voter	1
	Potential Duplicate Match	613
	Push Voter	28
	Resolve UID	2188
	Total	3537

User	Message Type	Total Processed
DFM VoteCal Service	Resolve UID	247
	Total	247
	Merge Voter Determine Survivor	7
	NCOA Potential Address Change	146
	Potential DMV COA Match To Voter	28
	Potential DMV COA To Voter For Confidential Voter	1
	Potential Duplicate Match	172
	Push Voter	6
	Resolve UID	201
	Total	561



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**DIVISION 2. VOTERS [2000 - 2700]** ( Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2. )

CHAPTER 3. Cancellation and Voter File Maintenance [2200 - 2241] (Chapter 3 enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec.

2.)

ARTICLE 1. General Provisions [2200 - 2214] (Article 1 enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)

2200. The registration of a voter is permanent for all purposes during his or her life, unless and until the affidavit of registration is canceled by the Secretary of State or the county elections official for any of the causes specified in this article.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 728, Sec. 55. (AB 1020) Effective January 1, 2016. Operative September 26, 2016, when the Secretary of State issued the certification prescribed by Stats. 2015, Ch. 728, Sec. 88.)

- 2201. (a) The county elections official shall cancel the registration in the following cases:
  - (1) At the signed, written request of the person registered.
  - (2) When the mental incompetency of the person registered is legally established as provided in Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, and 2211. The county elections office shall use only information provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 2211.5 to cancel a voter registration for this reason.
  - (3) Upon proof that the person is presently imprisoned for conviction of a felony. The county elections office shall use only information provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 2212, by a United States District Court, or by the Federal Bureau of Prisons to cancel a voter registration for this reason.
  - (4) Upon the production of a certified copy of a judgment directing the cancellation to be made.
  - (5) Upon the death of the person registered.
  - (6) Pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 2220).
  - (7) Upon official notification that the voter is registered to vote in another state.
  - (8) Upon proof that the person is otherwise ineligible to vote.
- (b) The Secretary of State may cancel the registration in the following cases:
  - (1) When the mental incompetency of the person registered is legally established as provided in Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, and 2211.
  - (2) Upon proof that the person is presently imprisoned for the conviction of a felony.
  - (3) Upon the death of the person registered.
- (c) (1) Between 15 and 30 days, inclusive, before canceling a person's registration for the reasons specified in paragraphs (2), (3), or (6) of subdivision (a), the county elections official shall send a forwardable notice by firstclass mail, including a postage-paid and preaddressed return form, to the voter.

- (A) The forwardable notice shall be provided in the person's preferred language if the county is required to provide translated ballots in that language pursuant to Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10503).
- (B) The notice shall include a statement substantially similar to the following:

"IMPORTANT NOTICE. Your voter registration record is scheduled to be canceled on [date]. This cancellation is due to information the [county name] County elections office has received indicating your ineligibility to vote in that county due to a change in residence, prison commitment, or mental incapacity to vote pursuant to Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, or 2211 of the California Elections Code, as applicable.

If you believe this cancellation is in error, please notify our office within 15 days from the date of this notice either by returning the attached postage-paid postcard or by calling [county elections office phone number] toll free.

If we do not receive your response to this notice, you may be required to reregister to vote in the next election or to vote using a provisional ballot. You can find more information about voter eligibility rules on the Secretary of State's internet website at [URL] or voter hotline at [phone numbers]. You can also check your current registration status at [URL]."

- (2) The preaddressed return form described in paragraph (1) shall include all of the following:
  - (A) Space for the voter to provide their current place of residence.
  - (B) Space for the voter to provide their current mailing address, if different from the place of residence.
  - (C) A box next to a statement substantially similar to the following: "The cancellation of my voter record is in error because I have not been deemed mentally incompetent to vote by a court of law and I am not currently serving a state or federal prison term. Additionally, if I have moved, I have provided my new residential address on this form."
  - (D) Space for the voter to provide their signature and the date.
- (3) The elections official may send additional written notices to a voter, and may also notify the voter in person, by telephone or email, or by other means of the planned registration cancellation.
- (d) (1) Within 15 days before or after cancellation of a voter's registration for the reason specified in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a), the county elections official shall send a forwardable notice by first-class mail, including a postage-paid and preaddressed return form, to the voter, to enable the voter to verify or correct their voter registration cancellation.
  - (A) The forwardable notice shall be provided in the person's preferred language if the county is required to provide translated ballots in that language pursuant to Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10503).
  - (B) The notice shall include a statement substantially similar to the following:

"IMPORTANT NOTICE. Your voter registration record was canceled on [date]. This cancellation is due to information the [county name] County elections office has received indicating your ineligibility to vote in that county due to death, pursuant to the California Elections Code, as applicable.

If you believe this cancellation is in error, please notify our office within 15 days from the date of this notice either by returning the attached postage-paid postcard or by calling [county elections office phone number] toll free.

If we do not receive your response to this notice, you may be required to reregister to vote in the next election or to vote using a provisional ballot. You can find more information about voter eligibility rules on the Secretary of State's internet website at [URL] or voter hotline at [phone numbers]. You can also check your current registration status at [URL]."

- (2) The preaddressed return form described in paragraph (1) shall include all of the following:
  - (A) Space for the voter to provide their current place of residence.
  - (B) Space for the voter to provide their current mailing address, if different from the place of residence.
  - (C) A box next to a statement substantially similar to the following: "The cancellation of my voter record is in error because I have not died. Additionally, if I have moved, I have provided my new residential address on this form."

- (D) Space for the voter to provide their signature and the date.
- (3) The elections official may send additional notices to a voter, and may also notify the voter in person, by telephone or email, or by other means of the planned registration cancellation.
- (e) (1) The Secretary of State shall submit an update on January 1, 2025, and on the first of each month thereafter, detailing its efforts and progress in fully implementing and achieving compliance with Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2211.5, and 2214 to all of the following committees:
  - (A) The Assembly Committee on Elections.
  - (B) The Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.
  - (C) The relevant subcommittee of the Assembly Committee on Budget.
  - (D) The relevant subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.
  - (E) The Joint Committee on Legislative Audit.
  - (2) The Secretary of State shall not be required to submit the update required pursuant to paragraph (1) after the Secretary of State certifies to the committees described in paragraph (1) that it has taken all steps necessary to fully implement and administer Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2211.5, and 2214.
- (f) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2025, and, as of January 1, 2026, is repealed. (Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 424, Sec. 1. (AB 2951) Effective January 1, 2025. Inoperative July 1, 2025, by its own provisions. Repealed as of January 1, 2026, by its own provisions. See later operative version added by Sec. 2 of Stats. 2024, Ch. 424.)
- <u>2201.</u> (a) The county elections official shall cancel the registration in the following cases:
  - (1) At the signed, written request of the person registered.
  - (2) When the mental incompetency of the person registered is legally established as provided in Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, and 2211. The county elections office shall use only information provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 2211.5 to cancel a voter registration for this reason.
  - (3) Upon proof that the person is presently imprisoned for conviction of a felony. The county elections office shall use only information provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 2212, by a United States District Court, or by the Federal Bureau of Prisons to cancel a voter registration for this reason.
  - (4) Upon the production of a certified copy of a judgment directing the cancellation to be made.
  - (5) Upon the death of the person registered.
  - (6) Pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 2220).
  - (7) Upon official notification that the voter is registered to vote in another state.
  - (8) Upon proof that the person is otherwise ineligible to vote.
- (b) The Secretary of State may cancel the registration in the following cases:
  - (1) When the mental incompetency of the person registered is legally established as provided in Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, and 2211.
  - (2) Upon proof that the person is presently imprisoned for the conviction of a felony.
  - (3) Upon the death of the person registered.
- (c) (1) Between 15 and 30 days, inclusive, before canceling a person's registration for the reasons specified in paragraph (2), (3), (5), or (6) of subdivision (a), the county elections official shall send a forwardable notice by first-class mail, including a postage-paid and preaddressed return form, to the voter.

- (A) The forwardable notice shall be provided in the person's preferred language if the county is required to provide translated ballots in that language pursuant to Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10503).
- (B) The notice shall include a statement substantially similar to the following:

"IMPORTANT NOTICE. Your voter registration record is scheduled to be canceled on [date]. This cancellation is due to information the [county name] County elections office has received indicating your ineligibility to vote in that county due to a change of residence, death, prison commitment or mental incapacity to vote pursuant to Sections 2208, 2209, 2210, or 2211 of the California Elections Code, as applicable.

If you believe this cancellation is in error, please notify our office within 15 days from the date of this notice either by returning the attached postage-paid postcard or by calling [county elections office phone number] toll free.

If we do not receive your response to this notice, you may be required to reregister to vote in the next election or to vote using a provisional ballot. You can find more information about voter eligibility rules on the Secretary of State's internet website at [URL] or voter hotline at [phone numbers]. You can also check your current registration status at [URL]."

- (2) The preaddressed return form described in paragraph (1) shall include all of the following:
  - (A) Space for the voter to provide their current place of residence.
  - (B) Space for the voter to provide their current mailing address, if different from the place of residence.
  - (C) A box next to a statement substantially similar to the following: "The cancellation of my voter record is in error because I have not been deemed mentally incompetent to vote by a court of law, I am not currently serving a state or federal prison term, and I have not died. Additionally, if I have moved, I have provided my new residential address on this form."
  - (D) Space for the voter to provide their signature and the date.
- (3) The elections official may send additional written notices to a voter, and may also notify the voter in person, by telephone or email, or by other means of the planned registration cancellation.
- (d) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2025.

(Repealed (in Sec. 1) and added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 424, Sec. 2. (AB 2951) Effective January 1, 2025. Operative July 1, 2025, by its own provisions.)

2202. (a) The county elections official shall preserve all uncanceled affidavits of registration in a secure manner that will protect the confidentiality of the voter information consistent with Section 2194.

The affidavits of registration shall constitute the register required to be kept by Article 5 (commencing with Section 2183) of Chapter 2.

(b) In lieu of maintaining uncanceled affidavits of registration, the county elections official may microfilm, record on optical disc, or record on any other electronic medium that does not permit additions, deletions, or changes to the original document, the uncanceled affidavits of registration. Any such use of an electronic medium to record uncanceled affidavits shall protect the security and confidentiality of the voter information. The county elections official may dispose of any uncanceled affidavits of registration transferred pursuant to this section. The disposal of any uncanceled affidavits shall be performed in a manner that does not compromise the security or confidentiality of the voter information contained therein. For purposes of this section, a duplicate copy of an affidavit of registration shall be deemed an original. The Secretary of State may adopt appropriate regulations for the purpose of this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 728, Sec. 57. (AB 1020) Effective January 1, 2016. Operative September 26, 2016, when the Secretary of State issued the certification prescribed by Stats. 2015, Ch. 728, Sec. 88.)

**2205.** The local registrar of births and deaths shall notify the county elections official not later than the 15th day of each month of all deceased persons 16 years of age and over, whose deaths were registered with him or her or of whose deaths he or she was notified by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics during the preceding month. This notification shall include at least the name, sex, age, birthplace, birth date, place of residence, and date and place of death of each decedent.

The county elections official shall cancel the affidavit of registration of the deceased voter.

(Amended (as amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 364, Sec. 5) by Stats. 2014, Ch. 619, Sec. 6. (SB 113) Effective January 1, 2015. Amendment by Stats. 2009, Ch. 364, with text revised by this amendment, became operative on September 26, 2016, when the Secretary of State issued the certification prescribed by Sec. 7 of Ch. 364.)

**2206.** The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to facilitate the availability of death statistics from the State Department of Health Services. The data shall be used by the Secretary of State or county elections officials in canceling the affidavit of registration of deceased persons.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 728, Sec. 60. (AB 1020) Effective January 1, 2016. Operative September 26, 2016, when the Secretary of State issued the certification prescribed by Stats. 2015, Ch. 728, Sec. 88.)

- **2208.** (a) A person is presumed competent to vote regardless of the person's conservatorship status. A person shall be deemed mentally incompetent, and therefore disqualified from voting, if, during the course of any of the proceedings set forth below, the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process, and any of the following apply:
  - (1) A conservator for the person or the person and estate is appointed pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with Section 1400) of the Probate Code.
  - (2) A conservator for the person or the person and estate is appointed pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 5350) of Part 1 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
  - (3) A conservator is appointed for the person pursuant to proceedings initiated under Section 5352.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the person has been found not competent to stand trial, and the person's trial or judgment has been suspended pursuant to Section 1370 of the Penal Code.
  - (4) A person has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, has been found to be not guilty pursuant to Section 1026 of the Penal Code, and is deemed to be gravely disabled at the time of judgment as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (h) of Section 5008 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (b) If the proceeding under the Welfare and Institutions Code is heard by a jury, the jury shall unanimously find by clear and convincing evidence that the person cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process before the person shall be disqualified from voting.
- (c) If an order establishing a conservatorship is made and in connection with the order it is found by clear and convincing evidence that the person cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process, the court shall provide notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2211.5.
- (d) A person shall not be disqualified from voting pursuant to this section on the basis that the person does, or would need to do, any of the following to complete an affidavit of voter registration:
  - (1) Signs the affidavit of voter registration with a mark or a cross pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2150.
  - (2) Signs the affidavit of voter registration by means of a signature stamp pursuant to Section 354.5.
  - (3) Completes the affidavit of voter registration with the assistance of another person pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 2150.
  - (4) Completes the affidavit of voter registration with reasonable accommodations.
- (e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2024. (Repealed (in Sec. 3) and added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 807, Sec. 4. (AB 2841) Effective January 1, 2023. Operative January 1, 2024, by its own provisions.)
- **2209.** (a) For conservatorships established pursuant to Division 4 (commencing with Section 1400) of the Probate Code, the court investigator shall, during the yearly or biennial review of the conservatorship as required by Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1850) of Part 3 of Division 4 of the Probate Code, review the person's capability of communicating, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process.

- (b) If the person has been disqualified from voting by reason of being incapable of communicating, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process, or by reason of being incapable of completing an affidavit of voter registration, the court investigator shall determine if the person continues to be incapable of communicating, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process, and the investigator shall so inform the court. If the investigator determines that the person continues to be incapable of communicating, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process, a court hearing on the issue is unnecessary. If the investigator finds that the person is not incapable of communicating, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process, the court shall hold a hearing to determine if, by clear and convincing evidence, the person cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process. Unless the person is found incapable of communicating that desire, the person's right to register to vote shall be restored, and the court shall provide notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2211.5.
- (c) If the person has not been found incapable of communicating, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process, and the court investigator determines that the person is no longer capable of communicating that desire, the investigator shall so notify the court. The court shall hold a hearing to determine if, by clear and convincing evidence, the person cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process. If the court determines that the person cannot communicate that desire, the court shall order the person to be disqualified from voting pursuant to Section 2208, and the court shall provide notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2211.5.
- (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2024. (Repealed (in Sec. 5) and added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 807, Sec. 6. (AB 2841) Effective January 1, 2023. Operative January 1, 2024, by its own provisions.)
- **2210.** (a) If the person or the person and estate is under a conservatorship established pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 5350) of Part 1 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the person may contest their disqualification from voting pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 5358.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (b) When the conservatorship described in subdivision (a) terminates after one year, the person's right to register to vote shall be automatically restored and the court shall provide notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2211.5. If a petition is filed for the reappointment of the conservator, a new determination shall be made as to whether the person should be disqualified from voting.
- (c) If the right to vote is restored pursuant to Section 5358.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code or if the conservatorship is terminated in a proceeding held pursuant to Section 5364 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the court shall provide notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2211.5.
- (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2024. (Repealed (in Sec. 7) and added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 807, Sec. 8. (AB 2841) Effective January 1, 2023. Operative January 1, 2024, by its own provisions.)
- 2211. (a) Any person who (1) has plead not guilty by reason of insanity and who has been found to be not guilty pursuant to Section 1026 of the Penal Code, (2) has been found incompetent to stand trial and whose trial or judgment has been suspended pursuant to Section 1370 of the Penal Code, (3) has been convicted of a felony and who was judicially determined to be a mentally disordered sex offender pursuant to former Section 6300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as repealed by Chapter 928 of the Statutes of 1981, or (4) has been convicted of a felony and is being treated at a state hospital pursuant to Section 2684 of the Penal Code shall be disqualified from voting or registering to vote during that time that the person is involuntarily confined, pursuant to a court order, in a public or private facility.
- (b) Upon the order of commitment to a treatment facility referred to in subdivision (a), the court shall provide notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2211.5.
- (c) If the person is later released from the public or private treatment facility, the court shall provide notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2211.5.
- (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2024. (Repealed (in Sec. 9) and added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 807, Sec. 10. (AB 2841) Effective January 1, 2023. Operative January 1, 2024, by its own provisions.)
- **2211.5.** (a) By the first day of each month, and more frequently if the clerk so chooses, the clerk of the superior court of each county shall notify the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (b) of each of the following:

- (1) All findings made by the court regarding any person's competency to vote, as specified in each of Sections 2208 through 2211, inclusive, since the clerk's last report.
- (2) The total number of proceedings, as specified in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 2208, that occurred in that court since the clerk's last report.
- (b) In consultation with the Secretary of State, the Judicial Council shall adopt rules of court to implement this section and Judicial Council forms that shall be used by courts to furnish the notices described in subdivision (a). The forms shall contain clearly identified spaces for all of the following:
  - (1) Personal identification information for the affected person, including all of the following:
    - (A) All known first names.
    - (B) All known last names.
    - (C) All known middle names.
    - (D) All known name suffixes.
    - (E) Last known address.
    - (F) Date of birth.
    - (G) Last four digits of the person's social security number, if available.
    - (H) Driver's license or state-issued identification number, if available.
  - (2) The court case number.
  - (3) The date of the order affecting the individual's voting rights.
  - (4) Whether the court's order is made pursuant to Section 2208, 2209, 2210, or 2211.
  - (5) Whether the legal effect of the court's order is a disqualification or a restoration of the right to vote.
  - (6) A certification, if applicable, that the individual has been disqualified from voting due to the court's finding by clear and convincing evidence that the individual is incapable, with or without reasonable accommodations, to communicate a desire to participate in the voting process.
- (c) The Secretary of State shall inform the clerk of the court when it receives a notice from the court that is missing any information required by subdivision (b).
- (d) Upon receipt of all of the required information described in subdivision (b), the Secretary of State shall do both of the following:
  - (1) Identify any registration record in the statewide voter database that contains personal identifying information that matches each of the unique identifiers described in subdivision (b).
  - (2) Within three days of receiving the information from the court, for any matched records described in paragraph
  - (1), provide the information described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the corresponding unique identifier or identifiers contained in the statewide voter database, and a statement regarding whether the legal effect of the court's order is to disqualify or restore the right to vote, to the appropriate county elections official.
- (e) Upon receiving information from the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (d), the county elections official shall do either of the following, as applicable:
  - (1) The elections official shall begin the cancellation procedures described in subdivision (c) of Section 2201 for any person whose registration information matches the unique identifier or identifiers provided by the Secretary of State and who, according to the information provided by the Secretary of State, has been disqualified to vote by a court.
  - (2) (A) If a person's right to vote has been restored and their address is within the county according to the information provided by the Secretary of State, the elections official shall notify the person that their voting rights are restored and that they may register to vote if they are otherwise eligible. The elections official shall also provide the person with information regarding the procedures for registering to vote. If the address provided by the Secretary of State is different from the address contained in the county's voter registration file, the elections official shall provide the foregoing notice and information to the person at both addresses.

- (B) The Secretary of State shall prepare a form that county elections officials shall use to provide the notice described in subparagraph (A).
- (f) A county or county elections official shall not be liable for taking or failing to take the actions described in subdivision (e) when the county or county elections official has received erroneous information from the Secretary of State.
- (g) If a person who is ineligible to vote receives a notice under paragraph (2) of subdivision (e), subsequently becomes registered or preregistered to vote, and votes or attempts to vote in an election held after the effective date of the person's registration or preregistration, that person shall be presumed to have acted with official authorization and shall not be guilty of fraudulently voting or attempting to vote pursuant to Section 18560, unless that person willfully votes or attempts to vote knowing that the person is not eligible to vote.
- (h) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2024. (Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 807, Sec. 11. (AB 2841) Effective January 1, 2023. Operative January 1, 2024, by its own provisions.)
- <u>2212.</u> (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
  - (1) "Conviction" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 2101.
  - (2) "Department" means the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
  - (3) "Imprisoned" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 2101.
  - (4) "Parole" means a term of supervision by the department.
  - (5) "Statewide voter database" means the statewide voter registration database developed in compliance with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.).
- (b) The department shall provide to the Secretary of State, on a weekly basis and in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State, the identification information described in subdivision (c) for all of the following persons:
  - (1) Persons imprisoned for the conviction of a felony and under the jurisdiction of the department. To the extent available, identification information provided by the department regarding these persons shall include the date on which each person's term of imprisonment began.
  - (2) Persons on parole or persons released from imprisonment for the conviction of a felony and no longer under the jurisdiction of the department. To the extent available, identification information provided by the department regarding these persons shall include the dates on which each person's parole began and on which the person was discharged from the jurisdiction of the department.
- (c) Personal identification information for the purposes of subdivision (b) includes all of the following:
  - (1) All known first names.
  - (2) All known last names.
  - (3) All known middle names.
  - (4) All known name suffixes.
  - (5) Last known address.
  - (6) Date of birth.
  - (7) Last four digits of the person's social security number, if available.
  - (8) Driver's license or state-issued identification number, if available.
- (d) Upon receipt of the information described in subdivision (b), the Secretary of State shall do all the following:

- (1) Identify any registration record in the statewide voter database that contains personal identifying information that, for each of the unique identifiers described in subdivision (c), as available, matches information pertaining to the person described in subdivision (b).
- (2) For any matched records described in paragraph (1), provide the information described in subdivision (b) and the corresponding unique identifier or identifiers used in the statewide voter database to county elections officials within three days of receipt of the information from the department.
- (e) Upon receipt of information from the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (d), a county elections official shall do all of the following:
  - (1) Cancel the affidavit of registration of any person described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) whose registration information matches the unique identifier or identifiers used in the statewide voter database provided by the Secretary of State to the county.
  - (2) Using the form prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (f), notify a person described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), and whose last known address is within the county based on the unique identifier or identifiers used in the statewide voter database provided by the Secretary of State to the county, that the person's voting rights are restored and advise the person that if the person is otherwise entitled to register to vote, the person may register to vote. The county elections official shall also provide the person with information regarding the procedure for registering to vote.
- (f) The Secretary of State shall prepare a form to be used by county elections officials to provide the notice described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).
- (g) A county or county elections official shall not be liable for taking or failing to take the actions described in subdivision (e) when the county or county elections official have received erroneous information from the Secretary of State or the department.
- (h) If a person who is ineligible to vote receives a notice under paragraph (2) of subdivision (e), subsequently becomes registered or preregistered to vote, and votes or attempts to vote in an election held after the effective date of the person's registration or preregistration, that person shall be presumed to have acted with official authorization and shall not be guilty of fraudulently voting or attempting to vote pursuant to Section 18560, unless that person willfully votes or attempts to vote knowing that the person is not entitled to vote.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 14, Sec. 4. (SB 504) Effective March 31, 2022.)

**2213.** Any person may proceed by action in the superior court to compel the county elections official to cancel any registration made illegally or which should be canceled by reason of facts that have occurred subsequent to the registration. If the voter whose registration is sought to be canceled is not a party to the action, the court may order him or her to be made a party defendant.

The county elections official and as many persons against whom there are causes of action may be joined as defendants.

(Enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)

- **2214.** (a) Each month, the Secretary of State shall post on its internet website a report showing, for the preceding period, the number of voting rights disqualifications and the number of voting rights restorations pursuant to each of Sections 2208 through 2212, as applicable, that were ordered within each county and the number of proceedings specified in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 2208 that occurred within each county.
- (b) In consultation with the Judicial Council, the Secretary of State shall prepare and deliver a training via a remote web-based learning platform that is accessible through the Secretary of State's internet website. The training shall contain information about the responsibilities of superior courts and county elections officials, as specified in this chapter, and information about the legal standards for voting rights disqualification, the duties of court investigators, and the reporting requirements for courts related to voting rights disqualification and restoration.
- (c) At least annually, each court executive officer and each county elections official shall complete the training described in subdivision (b). The trainings completed by court executive officers and county elections officials shall be tracked through the remote web-based learning platform provided by the Secretary of State.
- (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2024.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 807, Sec. 12. (AB 2841) Effective January 1, 2023. Operative January 1, 2024, by its own provisions.)