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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1714

Introduced by Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments (Longville (Chair), Cardenas, Cardoza, Firebaugh, Horton, Kehoe, Nakano, Oropeza, Shelley, and Vargas)

March 7, 2001

An act to amend Sections 2155 and 13303 of the Elections Code, relating to voter registration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1714, as amended, Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments. Voter registration.

Under existing law, upon receipt of a properly executed affidavit of registration or address correction notice or letter, a county elections official is required to send the voter a voter notification indicating, among other things, that the voter's name will appear on the index kept at the voting polls.

This bill would modify the voter notification to indicate that the voter's name will appear on the index only if the voter registered at least 28 days before the election. This bill would further provide that the voter notification may be combined with the notice of the voter's polling place that the county elections official is otherwise required to send.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 2155 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 2155. Upon receipt of a properly executed affidavit of
4 registration or address correction notice or letter pursuant to
5 Section 2119, Article 2 (commencing with Section 2220), or the
6 National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg),
7 the county elections official shall send the voter a voter
8 notification by nonforwardable, first-class mail, address
9 correction requested. The voter notification shall be substantially
10 in the following form:

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12 VOTER NOTIFICATION

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14 You are registered to vote. This card is being sent as a
15 notification of:

16 1. Your recently completed affidavit of registration,

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18 OR,

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20 2. A correction to your registration because of an official notice
21 that you have moved. If your residence address has not changed or
22 if your move is temporary, please call or write the county elections
23 official immediately.

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25 _____
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27 You may vote in any election held 15 or more days after the date
28 shown on the reverse side of this card.

29 Your name will appear on the index kept at the polls if you are
30 registered at least 28 days prior to the election.

31 *If your name does not appear on the index kept at the polls, you*
32 *may vote a provisional ballot.*

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34 _____
35 (Signature of Voter)



1 SEC. 2. Section 13303 of the Elections Code is amended to
2 read:

3 13303. (a) For each election, each appropriate elections
4 official shall cause to be printed, on plain white paper or tinted
5 paper, without watermark, at least as many copies of the form of
6 ballot provided for use in each voting precinct as there are voters
7 in the precinct. These copies shall be designated “sample ballot”
8 upon their face and shall be identical to the official ballots used in
9 the election, except as otherwise provided by law. A sample ballot
10 shall be mailed, postage prepaid, not more than 40 nor less than 21
11 days before the election to each voter who is registered at least 29
12 days prior to the election.

13 (b) The elections official shall send notice of the polling place
14 to each voter with the sample ballot. Only official matter shall be
15 sent out with the sample ballot as provided by law.

16 (c) The elections official shall send notice of the polling place
17 to each voter who registered after the 29th day prior to the election
18 and is eligible to participate in the election. The notice shall also
19 include information as to where the voter can obtain a sample
20 ballot and a ballot pamphlet prior to the election, a statement
21 indicating that those documents will be available at the polling
22 place at the time of the election, and the address of the Secretary
23 of State’s website and, if applicable, of the county website where
24 a sample ballot may be viewed. This notice may be combined with
25 the voter notification specified in Section 2155.

