

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2760**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian**

February 25, 2002

An act relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2760, as introduced, Simitian. Elections: special elections.

Existing law provides procedures for special elections to fill vacancies in congressional offices. These procedures provide for the issuance of a gubernatorial proclamation calling for a special election, the nomination of candidates, the setting of a date for a special primary election, and, if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the setting of a date for a special general election.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature, in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to ensure the continuity of the United States Congress by providing procedures for expedited special elections to fill vacancies in the event of a catastrophe in which 25% of the membership of the United States Congress or 25% of the membership of the California congressional delegation are killed, missing, or disabled.

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

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

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