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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 93

Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries

January 30, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 93—Relative to political campaign signs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 93, as amended, Jeffries. Political campaign signs: model ordinance.

This measure would request the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, ~~and~~ the Fair Political Practices Commission, *a representative of the Democratic Party of California, a representative of the Republican Party of California, and a representative of a bona fide association of citizens agreed upon by the representative of the Democratic Party of California and the representative of the Republican Party of California* to jointly develop a model political campaign sign ordinance.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Free and open elections are the foundation of our
2 political system and the protector of our civil rights; and
3 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of democracy and free
4 speech to make the process of running and campaigning for office
5 as simple as possible; and
6 WHEREAS, An election for an office, the jurisdiction of which
7 includes multiple cities or counties, or both, often requires a
8 candidate to comply with a patchwork of conflicting ordinances

1 relating to the size, design, and placement of political campaign
2 signs, creating confusion and often resulting in the disputed
3 removal of political campaign signs or even the assessing of fines;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Many local ordinances pertaining to political
6 campaign signs may be more restrictive than the First Amendment
7 to the United States Constitution permits, leaving them susceptible
8 to legal challenge; and

9 WHEREAS, It has historically been the right of cities and
10 counties to be responsible for adopting their own political campaign
11 sign ordinances; and

12 WHEREAS, The League of California Cities and the California
13 State Association of Counties are the recognized representatives
14 of cities and counties in California relating to political action; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature requests that the League
18 of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties,
19 ~~and~~ the Fair Political Practices Commission, *a representative of*
20 *the Democratic Party of California, a representative of the*
21 *Republican Party of California, and a representative of a bona*
22 *fide association of citizens agreed upon by the representative of*
23 *the Democratic Party of California and the representative of the*
24 *Republican Party of California* jointly develop a model political
25 campaign sign ordinance and encourages local jurisdictions to
26 adopt this ordinance statewide so that political campaign sign rules
27 may be more standardized across jurisdictional lines, reducing
28 conflict and confusion for candidates, and potential legal liabilities
29 for cities and counties; and be it further

30 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.