

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 9, 2007

SENATE BILL

No. 924

Introduced by Senator Perata

February 23, 2007

~~An act to amend Section 81004 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974. An act relating to Iraq, and calling an election, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 924, as amended, Perata. ~~Political Reform Act of 1974: reports and statements. Iraq war.~~

This bill would require the Secretary of State to call an election for the purpose of placing before the voters of the state an advisory question asking whether the President should end the United States occupation of Iraq, and whether the President and the Congress should provide the necessary diplomatic and nonmilitary assistance to promote peace and stability in Iraq and the Middle East. The bill would require the Secretary of State to communicate the results of this election to the President and to consolidate this election with the statewide presidential primary election of February 5, 2008. By increasing the duties of local elections officials, the addition of an election to place an advisory question on the ballot would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an act calling for an election.

~~Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, requires that all reports and statements filed under the act be signed under penalty of perjury and verified by the filer.~~

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.~~

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. (a) The Secretary of State shall call an election*
 2 *for the purpose of placing before the voters of this state the*
 3 *following advisory question:*

4 *Shall President George W. Bush, in support of the men and*
 5 *women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, end the*
 6 *United States occupation of Iraq and immediately begin the safe*
 7 *and orderly withdrawal of all United States forces; and, further,*
 8 *shall President George W. Bush and the Congress provide the*
 9 *necessary diplomatic and nonmilitary assistance to promote peace*
 10 *and stability in Iraq and the Middle East?*

11 *(b) Upon certification of the election, the Secretary of State*
 12 *shall communicate to President George W. Bush the results of the*
 13 *election asking the question set forth in subdivision (a).*

14 *(c) The provisions of the Elections Code that apply to the*
 15 *preparation of ballot measures and ballot materials at a statewide*
 16 *election shall apply to the measure submitted pursuant to this*
 17 *section.*

18 *(d) Notwithstanding Section 9040 of the Elections Code, the*
 19 *Secretary of State shall consolidate the election provided for in*
 20 *subdivision (a) with the statewide presidential primary election*
 21 *to be held on February 5, 2008.*

22 *SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
 23 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
 24 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
 25 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
 26 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

1 *SEC. 3. This act calls an election within the meaning of Article*
2 *IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.*

3 ~~SECTION 1. Section 81004 of the Government Code is~~
4 ~~amended to read:~~

5 ~~81004. (a) All reports and statements filed under this title shall~~
6 ~~be signed under penalty of perjury and verified by the filer. The~~
7 ~~verification shall state that the filer has used all reasonable~~
8 ~~diligence in its preparation, and that to the best of his or her~~
9 ~~knowledge it is true and complete.~~

10 ~~(b) A report or statement filed by a committee which qualifies~~
11 ~~under subdivision (a) of Section 82013 shall be signed and verified~~
12 ~~by the treasurer, and a report or statement filed by any other person~~
13 ~~shall be signed and verified by the filer. If the filer is an entity~~
14 ~~other than an individual, the report or statement shall be signed~~
15 ~~and verified by a responsible officer of the entity or by an attorney~~
16 ~~or a certified public accountant acting as agent for the entity. Every~~
17 ~~person who signs and verifies any report or statement required to~~
18 ~~be filed under this title which contains material matter which he~~
19 ~~or she knows to be false is guilty of perjury.~~