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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 787

Introduced by Assembly Member Hill

February 26, 2009

An act to add Section 3011.5 to the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 787, as amended, Hill. ~~State Commission on Juvenile Justice: report.~~ *Elections: vote by mail ballots.*

(1) Existing law authorizes an eligible voter to vote by a vote by mail ballot and to become a permanent vote by mail voter upon satisfying specified application requirements.

The bill would require, if the elections official determines that more than one first-class stamp or the equivalent postage is required to return a vote by mail ballot, that the elections official provide a notification to the voter of how many first-class stamps or the equivalent postage is required.

By increasing the duties of local elections officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) 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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 3011.5 is added to the Elections Code,
2 to read:

3 3011.5. (a) If the elections official determines that more than
4 one first-class stamp or the equivalent postage is required to return
5 a vote by mail ballot, the elections official shall provide a
6 notification to the voter of how many first-class stamps or the
7 equivalent postage is required.

8 (b) *The elections official shall use the most cost-effective means*
9 *available to notify the voter pursuant to subdivision (a) of the need*
10 *for additional postage.*

11 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
12 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
13 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
14 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
15 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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