

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 346**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins**

February 10, 2011

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An act to add Section 12289 to the Elections Code, relating to polling places.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 346, as introduced, Atkins. Polling places.

Existing law regulates the establishment of polling places. Under existing law, the local elections official may request the use of school buildings as polling places.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to conduct a study to determine whether the establishment of polling places at higher education campuses would increase student voter election day turnout. If the Secretary of State determines that the mandatory establishment of polling places at higher education campuses would increase student voter election day turnout, this bill would require the Secretary of State to specify the higher education campuses at which the establishment of polling places would most increase student voter election day turnout. This bill would require the Secretary of State to report its findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2013.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 12289 is added to the Elections Code, to  
2 read:

1 12289. The Secretary of State shall conduct a study to  
2 determine whether the mandatory establishment of polling places  
3 at higher education campuses would increase student voter election  
4 day turnout. If the Secretary of State determines that the mandatory  
5 establishment of polling places at higher education campuses would  
6 increase student voter election day turnout, the Secretary of State  
7 shall specify the higher education campuses at which the  
8 establishment of polling places would most increase student voter  
9 election day turnout. The Secretary of State shall report its findings  
10 to the Legislature by January 1, 2013.

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