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An act to amend Sections 84305.5, 84504, and 84505 of, to add Sections 84506.1, 84506.2, and 84506.3 to, to repeal Sections 84502, 84503, and 84506.5 of, and to repeal and add Sections 84501, 84506, 84507, and 84508 of, the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1648, as amended, Brownley. Political Reform Act of 1974: advertisements: disclosure.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 regulates mass mailings, known as slate mailers, that support or oppose multiple candidates or ballot

measures for an election. The act requires that each slate mailer identify the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures that is sending the slate mailer, and to contain other specified information in specified formatting. The act requires that each candidate and each ballot measure that has paid to appear in the slate mailer be designated by an asterisk.

This bill would instead require that a candidate or ballot measure appearing in the slate mailer be designated by an asterisk if the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures that is sending the slate mailer has received payment to include the candidate or ballot measure in the slate mailer. The bill would also recast the language of the prescribed notice to voters that must be included on a slate mailer.

The act also regulates advertisements, which are defined as any general or public advertisement that is authorized and paid for by a person or committee for the purpose supporting or opposing a candidate for elective office or a ballot measure or ballot measures. The act places certain disclosure requirements on advertisements for or against any ballot measure, including that the advertisement disclose any person who has made cumulative contributions of \$50,000 or more, as prescribed. The act places more specific disclosure requirements on broadcast or mass mailing advertisements that are paid for by independent expenditures that support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure.

This bill would repeal provisions relating to disclosures for advertisements paid for by an independent expenditure and required disclosures of persons who have made cumulative contributions of \$50,000 or more. This bill would, instead, impose specified disclosure requirements on radio, television, and video advertisements, and certain mass mailing and print advertisements that support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure or solicit contributions in support of those purposes. The bill would require radio, television, and video advertisements that are authorized by a candidate or agent of the candidate to include a statement in which the candidate identifies himself or herself and states that he or she approves the message, as specified. The bill would require radio, television, video, and certain mass mailings and print advertisements that are not authorized by a candidate or an agent of the candidate to disclose, in a prescribed format, the 3 largest identifiable contributors, as defined, of the committee that paid for the advertisement. The bill would require mass mailings or print

advertisements that are paid for by certain persons who are not committees to disclose the name of that person as the funder of the mass mailing or print advertisement. The bill would also require that certain committees establish and maintain a committee disclosure Internet Web site, as defined, which discloses the top 10 identifiable contributors and provides a link to either the Internet Web site maintained by the Secretary of State for campaign finance disclosures of the committee, or a page on the committee disclosure Internet Web site that discloses all identifiable contributors to that committee, as specified. The bill would require these advertisements to identify the address for the committee disclosure Internet Web site.

Existing law makes a knowing or willful violation of the Political Reform Act of 1974 a misdemeanor and subjects offenders to criminal penalties.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating additional crimes.

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 no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes upon a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. 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 84305.5 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 84305.5. (a) A slate mailer organization or committee primarily
- 4 formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures shall not
- 5 send a slate mailer unless the slate mailer complies with all of the
- 6 following:

1 (1) The name, street address, and city of the slate mailer
 2 organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose
 3 one or more ballot measures are shown on the outside of each piece
 4 of slate mail and on at least one of the inserts included with each
 5 piece of slate mail in no less than 8-point roman type, which shall
 6 be in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to
 7 be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street
 8 address if the street address of the slate mailer organization or the
 9 committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more
 10 ballot measures is a matter of public record with the Secretary of
 11 State’s Political Reform Division.

12 (2) At the top or bottom of the front side or surface of at least
 13 one insert, or at the top or bottom of one side or surface of a
 14 postcard or other self-mailer, there is a notice in at least 8-point
 15 roman boldface type, which shall be in a color or print that
 16 contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible, and in a
 17 printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter.
 18 The notice shall consist of the following statement:

21 NOTICE TO VOTERS

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23 THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY (name of slate mailer
 24 organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or
 25 more ballot measures), NOT AN OFFICIAL POLITICAL PARTY
 26 ORGANIZATION. Appearance in this mailer does not necessarily imply
 27 endorsement of others appearing in this mailer, nor does it imply
 28 endorsement of, or opposition to, any issues set forth in this mailer.
 29 Appearance by each candidate and ballot measure that is designated by an
 30 * has been paid for.

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33 (3) (A) Each candidate and each ballot measure for which the
 34 slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support
 35 or oppose one or more ballot measures has received payment to
 36 include the candidate or ballot measure in the slate mailer is
 37 designated by an *. A candidate or ballot measure for which the
 38 slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support
 39 or oppose one or more ballot measures has not received payment

1 to include the candidate or ballot measure in the slate mailer shall
2 not be designated by an *.

3 (B) The * required by this paragraph shall be of the same type
4 size, type style, color or contrast, and legibility as is used for the
5 name of the candidate, or the ballot measure name or number and
6 position advocated, to which the * designation applies, except that
7 in no case shall the * be required to be larger than 10-point boldface
8 type. The designation shall immediately follow the name of the
9 candidate, or the name or number and position advocated on the
10 ballot measure, where the designation appears in the slate of
11 candidates and measures. If there is no slate listing, the designation
12 shall appear at least once in at least 8-point boldface type,
13 immediately following the name of the candidate, or the name or
14 number and position advocated on the ballot measure.

15 (4) The name of a candidate appearing in the slate mailer who
16 is a member of a political party differing from the political party
17 that the mailer appears by representation or indicia to represent is
18 accompanied, immediately below the name, by the party
19 designation of the candidate, in no less than 9-point roman type,
20 which shall be in a color or print that contrasts with the background
21 so as to be easily legible. The designation shall not be required in
22 the case of candidates for nonpartisan office.

23 (b) The name, street address, and city of the slate mailer
24 organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose
25 one or more ballot measures, as required by paragraph (1) of
26 subdivision (a), and the notice required by paragraph (2) of
27 subdivision (a) may appear on the same side or surface of an insert
28 in the slate mailer.

29 SEC. 2. Section 84501 of the Government Code is repealed.

30 SEC. 3. Section 84501 is added to the Government Code, to
31 read:

32 84501. For purposes of this article, the following terms have
33 the following meanings:

34 (a) (1) "Advertisement" means any general or public
35 advertisement which is authorized and paid for by a person or
36 committee for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate
37 for elective office or a ballot measure or ballot measures.

38 (2) "Advertisement" does not include a communication from
39 an organization other than a political party to its members, a
40 campaign button smaller than 10 inches in diameter, a bumper

1 sticker smaller than 60 square inches, or other advertisement as
2 determined by regulations of the Commission.

3 (b) “Committee disclosure Internet Web site” means the Internet
4 Web site for a committee identifying the top identifiable
5 contributors to that committee, as described in Section 84506.3.

6 (c) “Cumulative contributions” means the cumulative amount
7 of contributions received by a committee beginning 18 months
8 prior to the date the committee made its first expenditure to qualify,
9 support, or oppose a candidate for elective office or a ballot
10 measure or ballot measures and ending seven days before the
11 advertisement is sent to the printer or broadcast station or uploaded
12 to the Internet.

13 (d) “Identifiable contributor” means a person or committee that
14 has made cumulative contributions of at least ten thousand dollars
15 (\$10,000) to a committee.

16 SEC. 4. Section 84502 of the Government Code is repealed.

17 SEC. 5. Section 84503 of the Government Code is repealed.

18 SEC. 6. Section 84504 of the Government Code is amended
19 to read:

20 84504. (a) Any committee that supports or opposes one or
21 more ballot measures shall name and identify itself using a name
22 or phrase that clearly identifies the economic or other special
23 interest of its major donors of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or
24 more in any reference to the committee required by law, including,
25 but not limited, to its statement of organization filed pursuant to
26 Section 84101.

27 (b) If the major donors of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or
28 more share a common employer, the identity of the employer shall
29 also be disclosed.

30 (c) Any committee which supports or opposes a ballot measure
31 shall print or broadcast its name as provided in this section as part
32 of any advertisement or other paid public statement, unless the
33 advertisement is required to include a disclosure pursuant to any
34 other section of this article.

35 (d) If candidates or their controlled committees, as a group or
36 individually, meet the contribution thresholds for a person, they
37 shall be identified by the controlling candidate’s name.

38 SEC. 7. Section 84505 of the Government Code is amended
39 to read:

1 84505. In addition to the requirements of Sections 84504,
2 84506, 84506.1, 84506.2, and 84506.3, the committee placing the
3 advertisement or persons acting in concert with that committee
4 shall be prohibited from creating or using a noncandidate-controlled
5 committee or a nonsponsored committee to avoid, or that results
6 in the avoidance of, the disclosure of any individual, industry,
7 business entity, controlled committee, or sponsored committee as
8 a major funding source.

9 SEC. 8. Section 84506 of the Government Code is repealed.

10 SEC. 9. Section 84506 is added to the Government Code, to
11 read:

12 84506. (a) A radio advertisement that supports or opposes a
13 candidate or ballot measure or solicits contributions in support of
14 that purpose shall, if the advertisement is authorized by a candidate
15 or an agent of the candidate, include an audio statement in which
16 the candidate identifies himself or herself and states that the
17 candidate has approved the message.

18 (b) A radio advertisement that supports or opposes a candidate
19 or ballot measure or solicits contributions in support of that purpose
20 shall, if the advertisement is not authorized by a candidate or an
21 agent of the candidate, include at the end of the advertisement a
22 disclosure read in a clearly spoken manner in a pitch and tone
23 substantially similar to the rest of the advertisement that reads as
24 follows: "Top funders of this ad are [state names in descending
25 order of identifiable contributors who made the three largest
26 cumulative contributions to the committee that paid for the
27 advertisement]. Full funding details at [state Internet Web site
28 address of the committee disclosure Internet Web site]."

29 (c) If there are fewer than three identifiable contributors, the
30 disclosure shall be adjusted accordingly to disclose the qualifying
31 identifiable contributors, if any. If the committee does not have
32 any identifiable contributors, but the committee has received
33 cumulative contributions totaling at least ten thousand dollars
34 (\$10,000), the disclosure shall be adjusted to include the name of
35 the committee in the place of the names of identifiable contributors.

36 SEC. 10. Section 84506.1 is added to the Government Code,
37 to read:

38 84506.1. (a) A television or video advertisement that supports
39 or opposes a candidate or ballot measure or solicits contributions
40 in support of that purpose shall, if the advertisement is authorized

1 by a candidate or an agent of the candidate, include a statement in
2 which the candidate identifies himself or herself and states that
3 the candidate has approved the message. The candidate statement
4 shall be made using an unobscured, full-screen video of the
5 candidate making the statement, or by using an unobscured,
6 full-screen, and clearly identifiable photographic image of the
7 candidate that is displayed during an audio voiceover of the
8 candidate reading the statement.

9 (b) A television or video advertisement that supports or opposes
10 a candidate or ballot measure or solicits contributions in support
11 of that purpose shall, if the advertisement is not authorized by a
12 candidate or an agent of the candidate, include all of the following
13 at the end of the advertisement:

14 (1) A full-screen without audio on a black background for a
15 minimum of three seconds that is dedicated to the disclosure
16 described in this subdivision.

17 (2) The text “Top Funders for This Ad” located at the top of the
18 television or video display screen and centered horizontally. The
19 text shall be white in color and the font size shall be at least 5
20 percent of the height of the television or video display screen.

21 (3) Immediately below the text described in paragraph (2), the
22 logos, if any, as they appear on the Internet Web site homepage
23 of the identifiable contributor, for the identifiable contributors who
24 made the three largest cumulative contributions to the committee
25 that paid for the advertisement. Each logo shall occupy at least 15
26 percent of the width or height of the television or video display
27 screen and the logos shall be displayed from left to right in
28 descending order beginning with the largest identifiable contributor.

29 (4) Immediately below the logos, if any, described in paragraph
30 (3), or beneath the text described in paragraph (2) if no identifiable
31 contributor has a logo, the identifiable contributors who have made
32 the three largest cumulative contributions to the committee that
33 paid for the advertisement. The three identifiable contributors shall
34 each be disclosed on a separate vertical line, in descending order,
35 beginning with the identifiable contributor who made the largest
36 cumulative contribution on the first line. The name of each of the
37 three identifiable contributors shall be centered horizontally. The
38 text shall be white in color and the font size shall be at least 5
39 percent of the height of the television or video display screen.

1 (5) The text “Full Funding Details At [insert Internet Web site
2 address of the committee disclosure Internet Web site].” The text
3 shall be white in color and the font size shall be equivalent to 4
4 percent of the height of the television or video display screen. The
5 text shall be located in a position that is vertically 4 percent above
6 the bottom of the television or video display screen.

7 (6) If there are fewer than three identifiable contributors, the
8 disclosure shall be adjusted accordingly to disclose only those that
9 qualify as identifiable contributors, if any. If the committee does
10 not have any identifiable contributors, but the committee has
11 received cumulative contributions totaling at least ten thousand
12 dollars (\$10,000), the disclosure shall be adjusted to include the
13 name of the committee in the place of the names of identifiable
14 contributors.

15 SEC. 11. Section 84506.2 is added to the Government Code,
16 to read:

17 84506.2. Except for slate mailers or advertisements that are
18 authorized by a candidate or an agent of the candidate, any mass
19 mailing or print advertisement that supports or opposes a candidate
20 or ballot measure or solicits contributions in support of that purpose
21 and that is paid for by a committee, or by any person who is not a
22 committee and who spends more than one thousand dollars
23 (\$1,000) on mass mailing or print advertising cumulatively in the
24 period beginning 18 months prior to the date the person made his
25 or her first expenditure to qualify, support, or oppose the candidate
26 for elective office or the ballot measure and ending seven days
27 before the mass mailing or print advertisement is sent to the printer,
28 shall include a disclosure area on the largest page of the mass
29 mailing or print advertisement that meets all of the following
30 criteria:

31 (a) The disclosure area shall be set apart from the rest of the
32 page on which it is located by a line framing the disclosure area
33 in the shape of a square or rectangle and the line shall be a color
34 that is darker than the background color of the remainder of the
35 disclosure area. The disclosure area within the border line shall
36 have a solid background color that establishes a contrast to the
37 color of the disclosure text that is equivalent to or greater than the
38 text and background color contrast in the other areas of the mass
39 mailing or print advertisement.

1 (b) For purposes of a mass mailing or print advertisement paid
2 for by a committee, the disclosure shall include the following:

3 (1) The text “Top Funders of This Ad” shall be located at the
4 top of the disclosure area and centered horizontally in the disclosure
5 area. The text shall be in a font size of at least 14-point for pages
6 smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches and at least 16-point for pages
7 that are equal to, or larger than, 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

8 (2) Immediately below the text described in paragraph (1) shall
9 be printed the logos, if any, as they appear on the Internet Web
10 site homepage of the identifiable contributor, for the identifiable
11 contributors who made the three largest cumulative contributions
12 to the committee. Each logo shall occupy at least 8 percent of the
13 width or height of the page on which the disclosure area is located
14 and the logos shall be displayed from left to right in descending
15 order beginning with the largest identifiable contributor.

16 (3) Immediately below the logos, if any, described in paragraph
17 (2), or beneath the text described in paragraph (1) if no identifiable
18 contributor has a logo, shall be identified by name the identifiable
19 contributors who have made the three largest cumulative
20 contributions to the committee that paid for the mass mailing or
21 print advertisement. The three identifiable contributors shall each
22 be disclosed on a separate vertical line, in descending order,
23 beginning with the identifiable contributor who made the largest
24 cumulative contribution on the first line. The name of each of the
25 three identifiable contributors shall be centered horizontally. The
26 text shall identify the identifiable contributor in a font size of at
27 least 10-point for pages smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches and
28 at least 12-point for pages that are equal to, or larger than, 8.5
29 inches by 11 inches.

30 (4) The text “Full Funding Details At [insert Internet Web site
31 address of the committee disclosure Internet Web site].” The text
32 shall be located at the bottom of the disclosure area and shall be
33 in 10-point font size for pages smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches
34 and at least 12-point font size for pages that are equal to, or larger
35 than, 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

36 (5) If there are fewer than three identifiable contributors, the
37 disclosure shall be adjusted accordingly to disclose the qualifying
38 identifiable contributors, if any. If the committee does not have
39 any identifiable contributors, but the committee has received
40 cumulative contributions totaling at least ten thousand dollars

1 (\$10,000), the disclosure shall be adjusted to include the name of
2 the committee in the place of the names of identifiable contributors.

3 (c) For purposes of a mass mailing or print advertisement paid
4 for by a person who is not a committee and who spends more than
5 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) on mass mailings or print
6 advertisements, as described in this section, the disclosure shall
7 include the text “This advertisement funded by [insert name of the
8 person who paid for the mass mailing or print advertisement].”
9 The text shall be centered within the disclosure area and shall be
10 in a font size of at least 14-point for pages smaller than 8.5 inches
11 by 11 inches and at least 16-point for pages that are equal to, or
12 larger than, 8.5 inches by 11 inches. The person shall not be
13 required to create or maintain a disclosure Internet Web site
14 described in Section 85406.3.

15 SEC. 12. Section 84506.3 is added to the Government Code,
16 to read:

17 84506.3. Except for a committee that is controlled by a
18 candidate, a committee that pays for an advertisement described
19 in this article shall establish and maintain a committee disclosure
20 Internet Web site. If the committee has an Internet Web site
21 homepage, that Internet Web site may also serve as the committee
22 disclosure Internet Web site. The homepage of the committee
23 disclosure Internet Web site and any other Internet Web sites
24 maintained by the committee shall include a disclosure statement
25 area for the purpose of making a contribution disclosure statement
26 that includes all of the following:

27 (a) The disclosure statement area shall be at least 250 pixels
28 wide. The disclosure statement area shall have a white background
29 and a border that is dark in color.

30 (b) A title that reads “Top Funders of This Committee.” The
31 text shall be black in color and shall be at least 10-point font size.

32 (c) Immediately below the text described in subdivision (b), a
33 list of the identifiable contributors who have made the 10 largest
34 cumulative contributions to the committee. Each of the 10
35 identifiable contributors shall be disclosed on a separate vertical
36 line, in descending order, beginning with the identifiable
37 contributor who made the largest cumulative contribution on the
38 first line. The text shall be black in color and shall be at least
39 9-point font size.

1 (d) Immediately below the text described in subdivision (c), the
 2 logos, if any, as they appear on the Internet Web site homepage
 3 of the identifiable contributor, for the identifiable contributors who
 4 made the 10 largest cumulative contributions to the committee.
 5 Each logo shall occupy at least 75 horizontal or vertical pixels and
 6 shall be displayed from left to right in descending order beginning
 7 with the largest identifiable contributor.

8 (e) Either of the following:

9 (1) A link to the Internet Web site maintained by the Secretary
 10 of State that contains campaign finance disclosures made by the
 11 committee pursuant to this title for the current election cycle. The
 12 link shall be labeled “Full funding info at Secretary of State’s
 13 Internet Web site.” The link shall be a standard hyperlink that is
 14 displayed as blue underlined text in Arial equivalent font in at least
 15 9-point font size.

16 (2) (A) A link to another page on the committee disclosure
 17 Internet Web site that lists all of the committee’s identifiable
 18 contributors. The link shall be labeled “More funding info” and
 19 shall be a standard hyperlink that is displayed as blue underlined
 20 text in Arial equivalent font in at least 9-point font size.

21 (B) The linked page on the committee disclosure Internet Web
 22 site shall have a title that reads “\$10,000 Funders of this
 23 Committee.” The linked page shall disclose each identifiable
 24 contributor of the committee on a separate vertical line, in
 25 descending order, beginning with the identifiable contributor who
 26 made the largest aggregate contribution on the first line. Each line
 27 shall identify the name of the identifiable contributor and the
 28 amount of that contributor’s aggregate contributions received by
 29 the committee since its organization, current within seven days.

30 (f) If there are fewer than 10 identifiable contributors, the
 31 disclosure shall be adjusted accordingly to disclose the qualifying
 32 identifiable contributors, if any. If the committee does not have
 33 any identifiable contributors, but the committee has received
 34 cumulative contributions totaling at least ten thousand dollars
 35 (\$10,000), the disclosure shall be adjusted to include the name of
 36 the committee in the place of the names of identifiable contributors.

37 SEC. 13. Section 84506.5 of the Government Code is repealed.

38 SEC. 14. Section 84507 of the Government Code is repealed.

39 SEC. 15. Section 84507 is added to the Government Code, to
 40 read:

1 84507. For purposes of any disclosure required by Sections
2 84506 to 84506.3, inclusive, for advertisements that are not
3 authorized by a candidate or an agent of the candidate, the
4 following shall also apply in the event that an identifiable
5 contributor is a person who is an individual:

6 (a) If the committee receiving the contribution is supporting or
7 opposing a candidate, then the disclosure shall include the
8 occupation and employer of the identifiable contributor in addition
9 to the contributor's name.

10 (b) If the committee receiving the contribution is supporting or
11 opposing a ballot measure, and the passage or defeat of the ballot
12 measure directly benefits or harms the employer of the identifiable
13 contributor, then the disclosure shall include the occupation and
14 employer of the identifiable contributor in addition to the
15 contributor's name. However, if an employer of an identifiable
16 contributor is also an identifiable contributor of that committee,
17 then the contributions of the employees shall, instead, be deemed
18 to be contributions by the employer for purposes of determining
19 the total cumulative contribution made by the employer in order
20 to determine which identifiable contributors shall be disclosed on
21 an advertisement pursuant to this article.

22 (c) If the committee receiving the contribution is supporting or
23 opposing a ballot measure, and the passage or defeat of the ballot
24 measure does not directly benefit or harm the employer of the
25 identifiable contributor, then the disclosure shall include only the
26 name of the identifiable contributor.

27 SEC. 16. Section 84508 of the Government Code is repealed.

28 SEC. 17. Section 84508 is added to the Government Code, to
29 read:

30 84508. Disclosures made pursuant to Sections 84506 to
31 84506.3, inclusive, shall be sufficient to identify the identifiable
32 contributor but need not include such legal terms as "incorporated,"
33 "committee," "political action committee," or "company," or their
34 abbreviations. Nothing in this section shall prevent a contributor
35 from being disclosed as a name used in common usage or parlance,
36 including, but not limited to, an abbreviation or acronym.

37 SEC. 18. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant
38 to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
39 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
40 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or

1 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
2 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
3 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
4 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
5 Constitution.

6 SEC. 19. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill
7 furthers the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within
8 the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government
9 Code.

10 SEC. 20. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
11 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
12 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*
13 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

14 *In order to ensure that the voters of California are able to make*
15 *informed decisions in elections and fully participate in an open*
16 *and transparent democracy that represents their true interests, it*
17 *is necessary for this act to take effect immediately as an urgency*
18 *statute.*