

Introduced by Senator Yee

April 9, 2012

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 81—Relative to Voter Registration Day.

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SCR 81, as introduced, Yee. Voter Registration Day.

This measure would proclaim September 25, 2012, as Voter Registration Day, and would encourage all eligible Californians to register to vote by that date.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Political sovereignty was vested in the people to
2 ensure a process of remedy and redress of grievances against
3 government through a democratic process of electing
4 representatives to voice the people's concerns; and
5 WHEREAS, Individuals must take advantage of their right to
6 vote, the most important of rights and obligations, and dutifully
7 participate in the electoral system in order to guarantee that
8 democracy works for the people's interests; and
9 WHEREAS, Neither ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age,
10 or disability, nor a test of land, literacy, or fluency, shall prevent
11 an eligible citizen from registering to vote, nor bar him or her from
12 the right to vote; and
13 WHEREAS, Every movement toward universal suffrage, from
14 the inclusion of African Americans to the inclusion of women,
15 strengthens the social fabric; and
16 WHEREAS, Party affiliation, or lack thereof, should not hinder
17 the state from registering voters; and

1 WHEREAS, The purpose of Voter Registration Day is to
2 encourage participation in democracy and register eligible voters;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Roughly 30 percent of eligible voters in California
5 do not register to vote either because they missed a registration
6 deadline or did not know how to register to vote; and

7 WHEREAS, An eligible Californian has multiple avenues to
8 register to vote, including registering at a local public assistance
9 or disability service agency or at the Department of Motor
10 Vehicles, completing and mailing a voter registration card available
11 at all United States post offices, or, soon, registering online at the
12 Secretary of State's voter registration Internet Web site; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims
16 September 25, 2012, as Voter Registration Day; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all eligible
18 Californians to register to vote by September 25, 2012; and be it
19 further

20 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
21 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.