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SENATE BILL

No. 141

Introduced by Senator Price
(Coauthors: Senators Correa, Gaines, La Malfa, and Lieu)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Davis)

January 31, 2011

An act to amend Section 13001 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 141, as amended, Price. Elections: payment of expenses.

Existing law requires that all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for, and conduct of, elections be paid from the county treasuries, except when an election is called by the governing body of a city.

This bill would provide that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or Assembly Member, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Representative in the Congress, are to be paid by the state. When an election proclaimed by the Governor is consolidated with a local election, the bill would provide that the state shall pay only those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor.

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 13001 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:

3 13001. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), all expenses
4 authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for, and
5 conduct of, elections as provided in this code shall be paid from
6 the county treasuries, except that when an election is called by the
7 governing body of a city the expenses shall be paid from the
8 treasury of the city. All payments shall be made in the same manner
9 as other county or city expenditures are made. The elections
10 official, in providing the materials required by this division, need
11 not utilize the services of the county or city purchasing agent.

12 (b) All expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the
13 preparation for and conduct of elections proclaimed by the
14 Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or
15 Assembly Member, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United
16 States Senator or Representative in the Congress, shall be paid by
17 the state. If an election proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy
18 in an office specified by this subdivision is consolidated with a
19 local election, only those additional expenses directly related to
20 the election proclaimed by the Governor shall be paid by the state.