

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 476

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer

February 19, 2013

An act to amend Section 13206 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 476, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. Primary election: ballot contents.

Existing law provides for the content that is to be printed on a partisan election ballot to be used in a direct primary election.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 13206 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 13206. (a) ~~On~~ *a* partisan ballot used in a direct primary
4 election, immediately below the instructions to voters, there shall
5 be a box not less than one-half inch high enclosed by a heavy-ruled
6 line the same as the borderline. This box shall be as long as there
7 are columns for the partisan ballot and shall be set directly above
8 these columns. Within the box shall be printed the words
9 “Party-Nominated Offices.” Immediately below that phrase within
10 the same box shall be printed the following: “Only voters who

1 disclosed a preference upon registering to vote for the same party
2 as the candidate seeking the nomination of any party for the
3 Presidency or election to a party committee may vote for that
4 candidate at the primary election, unless the party has adopted a
5 rule to permit non-party voters to vote in its primary elections.”

6 (b) The same style of box described in subdivision (a) shall also
7 appear over the columns of the nonpartisan part of the ballot and
8 within the box in the same style and point size of type shall be
9 printed “Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices.” Immediately
10 below that phrase within the same box shall be printed the
11 following:

12 “All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed
13 upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may
14 vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office.
15 The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a
16 voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown
17 for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the
18 candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party
19 approves of the candidate. The party preference, if any, of a
20 candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.”