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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 692

Introduced by Assembly Members Gonzalez and V. Manuel Pérez
(Principal coauthor: Senator De León)

February 21, 2013

An act to submit an advisory question to the voters relating to immigration reform, calling an election, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 692, as amended, Gonzalez. Immigration reform: advisory election.

This bill would call a special election to be consolidated with the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. The bill would require the Secretary of State to submit to the voters at the November 4, 2014, consolidated election an advisory question asking whether the Congress of the United States should immediately reform our immigration laws and pass comprehensive immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship for immigrants meeting certain requirements, as specified, and whether the President of the United States should halt deportations of ~~parents whose children were born in the United States~~ *those*

immigrants until that new immigration law is passed. The bill would require the Secretary of State to communicate the results of this election to the Congress of the United States.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an act calling an election.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The United States of America was founded on principles of
- 4 freedom and opportunity, and on the tenet that all men and women
- 5 are created equal.
- 6 (b) The nation’s history has been indelibly shaped by waves of
- 7 immigration.
- 8 (c) The current immigration system in the United States is
- 9 antiquated, riddled with inefficiencies, and incapable of meeting
- 10 the challenges of the 21st century and our changing economy.
- 11 (d) Immigrants are a major engine for the state’s economic
- 12 growth. Approximately 1 in 10 workers in California is an
- 13 undocumented immigrant, totaling 1.85 million workers.
- 14 Immigrants are vital for California’s industries, including
- 15 technology, agriculture, hospitality, and services.
- 16 (e) The undocumented immigrant population in the United States
- 17 is currently 11.7 million and is expected to continue growing in
- 18 the absence of immigration and regulatory reform.
- 19 (f) Almost one-quarter (23 percent) of the nation’s
- 20 undocumented immigrants reside in California.
- 21 (g) Thousands of families have been separated because of the
- 22 enforcement of immigration laws that do not recognize the
- 23 complexities of mixed-status families. Each year, more than
- 24 350,000 immigrants face deportation proceedings.
- 25 (h) Nearly one-half of undocumented immigrants in the United
- 26 States are parents of minor children, and 77 percent of these
- 27 children are United States citizens.
- 28 (i) Since 1998, about 600,000 children who are United States
- 29 citizens have had a parent detained or deported. Currently, there
- 30 are at least 5,100 children in the child welfare system because their

1 parents are under immigration custody or have been deported. This
2 number is expected to rise to 15,000 in the next five years.

3 SEC. 2. A special election is hereby called to be held
4 throughout the state on November 4, 2014. The special election
5 shall be consolidated with the statewide general election to be held
6 on that date. The consolidated election shall be held and conducted
7 in all respects as if there were only one election and only one form
8 of ballot shall be used.

9 SEC. 3. (a) Notwithstanding Section 9040 of the Elections
10 Code, the Secretary of State shall submit the following advisory
11 question to the voters at the November 4, 2014, consolidated
12 election:

13 “Shall the Congress of the United States reform our immigration
14 laws and immediately pass comprehensive immigration reform
15 that includes a path to citizenship ~~to~~ *for* those immigrants who
16 learn English, pass a background check, and pay back taxes, and
17 shall the President of the United States, *in order to stop separating*
18 *families and disrupting communities*, ~~halt the deportations of~~
19 ~~noncriminal mothers and fathers whose children were born in the~~
20 ~~United States, which separate families, deportation of those~~
21 *immigrants until that new immigration law is passed?”*

22 (b) Upon certification of the election, the Secretary of State
23 shall communicate to the Congress of the United States the results
24 of the election asking the question set forth in subdivision (a).

25 (c) The provisions of the Elections Code that apply to the
26 preparation of ballot measures and ballot materials at a statewide
27 election apply to the measure submitted pursuant to this section.

28 SEC. 4. This act calls an election within the meaning of Article
29 IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.