

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 813

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 15631 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 813, as introduced, Melendez. Election recounts.

Existing law specifies requirements for challenging ballots in a recount and requires the elections official to determine whether a challenge is to be allowed.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this law.

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 15631 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 15631. On recount, ~~ballots~~ *a ballot* may be challenged for
4 incompleteness, ambiguity, or other defects, in accordance with
5 the following procedure:
6 (a) The person challenging the ballot shall state the reason for
7 the challenge.
8 (b) The official counting the ballot shall count it as he or she
9 believes proper and then set it aside with a notation as to how it
10 was counted.

- 1 (c) The elections official shall, before the recount is completed,
- 2 determine whether the challenge is to be allowed. The decision of
- 3 the elections official is final.

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