

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 14, 2013

An act to amend Section 13109 of the Election Code, relating to ballots.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 279, as introduced, Hancock. Elections: ballots.

Existing law sets forth the order of precedence of offices and measures on the ballot and, among other things, requires that the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction always precedes any school, city, or county office and that state ballot measures always precede local ballot measures.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision of 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 13109 of the Elections Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 13109. The order of precedence of offices on the ballot shall
- 4 be as listed below for those offices and measures that apply to the
- 5 election for which this ballot is provided. Beginning in the column
- 6 to the left:
- 7 (a) Under the heading, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:
- 8 Nominees of the qualified political parties and independent
- 9 nominees for President and Vice President.

- 1 (b) Under the heading, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES:
- 3 (1) Names of the presidential candidates to whom the delegates
4 are pledged.
- 5 (2) Names of the chairpersons of unpledged delegations.
- 6 (c) Under the heading, STATE:
- 7 (1) Governor.
- 8 (2) Lieutenant Governor.
- 9 (3) Secretary of State.
- 10 (4) Controller.
- 11 (5) Treasurer.
- 12 (6) Attorney General.
- 13 (7) Insurance Commissioner.
- 14 (8) Member, State Board of Equalization.
- 15 (d) Under the heading, UNITED STATES SENATOR:
16 Candidates or nominees to the United States Senate.
- 17 (e) Under the heading, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE:
18 Candidates or nominees to the House of Representatives of the
19 United States.
- 20 (f) Under the heading, STATE SENATOR:
21 Candidates or nominees to the State Senate.
- 22 (g) Under the heading, MEMBER OF THE STATE
23 ASSEMBLY:
24 Candidates or nominees to the Assembly.
- 25 (h) Under the heading, COUNTY COMMITTEE:
26 Members of the County Central Committee.
- 27 (i) Under the heading, JUDICIAL:
- 28 (1) Chief Justice of California.
- 29 (2) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.
- 30 (3) Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal.
- 31 (4) Associate Justice, Court of Appeal.
- 32 (5) Judge of the Superior Court.
- 33 (6) Marshal.
- 34 (j) Under the heading, SCHOOL:
- 35 (1) Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 36 (2) County Superintendent of Schools.
- 37 (3) County Board of Education Members.
- 38 (4) College District Governing Board Members.
- 39 (5) Unified District Governing Board Members.
- 40 (6) High School District Governing Board Members.

- 1 (7) Elementary District Governing Board Members.
- 2 (k) Under the heading, COUNTY:
- 3 (1) County Supervisor.
- 4 (2) Other offices in alphabetical order by the title of the office.
- 5 (l) Under the heading, CITY:
- 6 (1) Mayor.
- 7 (2) Member, City Council.
- 8 (3) Other offices in alphabetical order by the title of the office.
- 9 (m) Under the heading, DISTRICT:
- 10 Directors or trustees for each district in alphabetical order
- 11 according to the name of the district.
- 12 (n) Under the heading, MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE
- 13 VOTERS and the appropriate heading from subdivisions (a)
- 14 through (m), above, ballot measures in the order, state through
- 15 district shown above, and within each jurisdiction, in the order
- 16 prescribed by the official certifying them for the ballot.
- 17 (o) In order to allow for the most efficient use of space on the
- 18 ballot in counties that use a voting system, as defined in Section
- 19 362, the county elections official may vary the order of
- 20 subdivisions (j), (k), (l), (m), and (n)-as well as *and* the order of
- 21 offices within these subdivisions. However, the office of
- 22 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall always precede ~~any a~~
- 23 school, county, or city office, and state measures shall always
- 24 precede local measures.