

Senate Bill No. 1195

CHAPTER 187

An act relating to elections, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1195, Steinberg. State ballot pamphlet.

Existing law requires the Secretary of State, for each statewide election, to prepare and distribute a state ballot pamphlet describing each statewide ballot measure and containing other specified information. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to provide the state ballot pamphlets to county elections officials not less than 45 days before the election, and further requires that the state ballot pamphlets be mailed to voters commencing not less than 40 days before the election. In addition, existing law requires that the Secretary of State furnish a copy of the state ballot pamphlet to the Office of State Printing for preparation not less than 40 days before the date the Secretary of State is required to provide the pamphlets to the county elections officials.

This bill, for purposes of the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, would instead require that the Secretary of State provide the state ballot pamphlets to the county elections officials on the 43rd day before the election, and would require that the state ballot pamphlets be mailed to voters commencing on the 38th day before the election. In addition, this bill would require that the Secretary of State furnish a copy of the state ballot pamphlet to the Office of State Printing for preparation on the 40th day before the date the Secretary of State is required to provide the pamphlets to the county elections officials.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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

SECTION 1. All of the following shall apply to the November 4, 2014, statewide general election:

(a) Notwithstanding Section 9082 of the Elections Code, the Secretary of State shall furnish to the Office of State Printing copy for preparation of the state ballot pamphlets on the 40th day prior to the date for required delivery to the county elections officials as provided in subdivision (c).

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 9094 of the Elections Code, the Secretary of State shall commence mailing the state ballot pamphlets to the voters on the 38th day prior to the election.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 9094 of the Elections Code, the Secretary of State shall furnish state ballot pamphlets to the county elections officials on the 43rd day prior to the election, and the county elections officials shall commence mailing the state ballot pamphlets to voters on the date specified in subdivision (b).

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

To ensure that the state ballot pamphlet for the November 4, 2014, statewide general election accurately reflects the ballot measures that will be submitted to the voters of the state at that election, it is necessary that this act take immediate effect.