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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 562

Introduced by Assembly Member Holden

February 24, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 562, as amended, Holden. Elections: ballots.

Existing law sets forth the order of precedence of offices and measures on the ballot and, among other things, requires the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to be listed on the ballot under the heading, SCHOOL.

This bill would instead require the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to be listed under the heading, ~~STATE~~: *STATEWIDE EDUCATION*, and it would move the location of this office on the ballot, thus changing the order of precedence. This bill would also remove other instructions relating to the placement of this office on the ballot.

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

- 1 election for which ~~this~~ *the* ballot is provided. Beginning in the
- 2 column to the left:
- 3 (a) Under the heading, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:
- 4 Nominees of the qualified political parties and independent
- 5 nominees for President and Vice President.
- 6 (b) Under the heading, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
- 7 STATES:
- 8 (1) Names of the presidential candidates to whom the delegates
- 9 are pledged.
- 10 (2) Names of the chairpersons of unpledged delegations.
- 11 (c) Under the heading, STATE:
- 12 (1) Governor.
- 13 (2) Lieutenant Governor.
- 14 (3) Secretary of State.
- 15 (4) Controller.
- 16 (5) Treasurer.
- 17 (6) Attorney General.
- 18 (7) Insurance Commissioner.
- 19 ~~(8) Superintendent of Public Instruction.~~
- 20 ~~(9)~~
- 21 (8) Member, State Board of Equalization.
- 22 (d) Under the heading, UNITED STATES SENATOR:
- 23 Candidates or nominees to the United States Senate.
- 24 (e) Under the heading, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE:
- 25 Candidates or nominees to the House of Representatives of the
- 26 United States.
- 27 (f) Under the heading, STATE SENATOR:
- 28 Candidates or nominees to the State Senate.
- 29 (g) Under the heading, MEMBER OF THE STATE
- 30 ASSEMBLY:
- 31 Candidates or nominees to the Assembly.
- 32 (h) *Under the heading, STATEWIDE EDUCATION:*
- 33 *Superintendent of Public Instruction.*
- 34 ~~(h)~~
- 35 (i) Under the heading, COUNTY COMMITTEE:
- 36 Members of the County Central Committee.
- 37 ~~(i)~~
- 38 (j) Under the heading, JUDICIAL:
- 39 (1) Chief Justice of California.
- 40 (2) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

- 1 (3) Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal.
- 2 (4) Associate Justice, Court of Appeal.
- 3 (5) Judge of the Superior Court.
- 4 (6) Marshal.
- 5 ~~(j)~~
- 6 (k) Under the heading, SCHOOL:
- 7 (1) County Superintendent of Schools.
- 8 (2) County Board of Education Members.
- 9 (3) College District Governing Board Members.
- 10 (4) Unified District Governing Board Members.
- 11 (5) High School District Governing Board Members.
- 12 (6) Elementary District Governing Board Members.
- 13 ~~(k)~~
- 14 (l) Under the heading, COUNTY:
- 15 (1) County Supervisor.
- 16 (2) Other offices in alphabetical order by the title of the office.
- 17 ~~(l)~~
- 18 (m) Under the heading, CITY:
- 19 (1) Mayor.
- 20 (2) Member, City Council.
- 21 (3) Other offices in alphabetical order by the title of the office.
- 22 ~~(m)~~
- 23 (n) Under the heading, DISTRICT:
- 24 Directors or trustees for each district in alphabetical order
- 25 according to the name of the district.
- 26 ~~(n)~~
- 27 (o) Under the heading, MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE
- 28 VOTERS and the appropriate heading from subdivisions (a)
- 29 through ~~(m)~~ (n), above, ballot measures in the order, state through
- 30 district shown above, and within each jurisdiction, in the order
- 31 prescribed by the official certifying them for the ballot.
- 32 ~~(o)~~
- 33 (p) In order to allow for the most efficient use of space on the
- 34 ballot in counties that use a voting system, as defined in Section
- 35 362, the county elections official may vary the order of
- 36 subdivisions ~~(j)~~, (k), (l), (m), ~~and (n)~~ (n), and (o) as well as the
- 37 order of offices within these subdivisions. However, state measures
- 38 shall always precede local measures.

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