

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1414

Introduced by Assembly Member Grove

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 2157 of the Elections Code, relating to voter registration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1414, as introduced, Grove. Voter registration: requirements.

Existing law sets forth the procedures for registering to vote and processing voter registration information and requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations that prescribe the form of the voter's affidavit of registration.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

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 2157 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 2157. (a) Subject to this chapter, the paper affidavit of
4 registration shall be in a form prescribed by regulations adopted
5 by the Secretary of State. The affidavit shall comply with all of
6 the following:
7 (1) Contain the information prescribed in Section 2150.
8 (2) Be sufficiently uniform among the ~~separate~~ *different* counties
9 to allow for the processing and use by one county of an affidavit
10 completed in another county.

1 (3) Allow for the inclusion of informational language to meet
2 the specific needs of that county, including, but not limited to, the
3 return address of the elections official in that county, and a
4 telephone number at which a voter can obtain elections information
5 in that county.

6 (4) Be included on one portion of a multipart card, to be known
7 as a voter registration card, the other portions of which shall include
8 information sufficient to facilitate completion and mailing of the
9 affidavit. The affidavit portion of the multipart card shall be
10 numbered according to regulations adopted by the Secretary of
11 State. For purposes of facilitating the distribution of voter
12 registration cards as provided in Section 2158, there shall be
13 attached to the affidavit portion a receipt. The receipt shall be
14 separated from the body of the affidavit by a perforated line.

15 (5) Contain, in a type size and color of ink that is clearly
16 distinguishable from surrounding text, a statement identical or
17 substantially similar to the following:

18 “Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify
19 for confidential voter status. For more information, please contact
20 the Secretary of State’s Safe At Home program or visit the
21 Secretary of State’s Web site.”

22 (6) Contain, in a type size and color of ink that is clearly
23 distinguishable from surrounding text, a statement that the use of
24 voter registration information for commercial purposes is a
25 misdemeanor pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 2194 and
26 Section 18109, and any suspected misuse shall be reported to the
27 Secretary of State.

28 (7) Contain a toll-free fraud hotline telephone number
29 maintained by the Secretary of State that the public may use to
30 report suspected fraudulent activity concerning misuse of voter
31 registration information.

32 (8) Be returnable to the county elections official as a
33 self-enclosed mailer with postage prepaid by the Secretary of State.

34 (b) Nothing contained in this division shall prevent the use of
35 voter registration cards and affidavits of registration in existence
36 on the effective date of this section and produced pursuant to
37 regulations of the Secretary of State, and all references to voter
38 registration cards and affidavits in this division shall be applied to
39 the existing voter registration cards and affidavits of registration.

1 (c) The Secretary of State may continue to supply existing
2 affidavits of registration prior to printing new or revised forms
3 that reflect the changes required pursuant to this section, Section
4 2150, or Section 2160.

5 (d) An affidavit of registration shall not be submitted
6 electronically on a county's Internet Web site. However, a county
7 may provide a hyperlink on the county's Internet Web site to the
8 Secretary of State's electronic voter registration system.

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