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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1494

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Gallagher and Gonzalez)
(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, *Hertzberg*, and McGuire)

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 14291 of, and to repeal Section 14276 of, the Elections Code, relating to voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1494, as amended, Levine. Voting: marked ballots.

Existing law prohibits a voter from showing his or her ballot *to any person* after it is marked in such a way as to reveal its contents. Existing law provides that a person who interferes or attempts to interfere with the secrecy of voting is guilty of a felony, and authorizes the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, or a local elections official to bring an action to impose additional civil penalties for committing those acts.

This bill would ~~authorize~~ *clarify that* a voter ~~to~~ *may* voluntarily disclose how he or she voted ~~or distribute an image of his or her own marked ballot~~ if that voluntary act does not violate any other 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 Section 14276 of the Elections Code is repealed.

2 SEC. 2. Section 14291 of the Elections Code is amended to
3 read:

4 14291. (a) After the ballot is marked, a voter shall not show
5 it to any person in a manner that reveals its ~~contents, except as~~
6 ~~provided in subdivision (b):~~ *contents.*

7 (b) A voter may voluntarily disclose how he or she voted ~~or~~
8 ~~distribute an image of his or her own marked ballot~~ if that voluntary
9 act does not violate any other law.