

Assembly Bill No. 1494

Passed the Assembly August 22, 2016

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Passed the Senate August 15, 2016

Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2016, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

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, 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 create an exception to that prohibition that would permit a voter to voluntarily disclose how he or she voted if that voluntary act does not violate any other law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14276 of the Elections Code is repealed.

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

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

(b) A voter may voluntarily disclose how he or she voted if that voluntary act does not violate any other law.

Approved _____, 2016

Governor