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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 970**

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**Introduced by Senator Corbett  
(Coauthor: Senator Hancock)**

February 5, 2010

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An act to add and repeal Article 6 (commencing with Section 12290) to Chapter 3 of Division 12 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 970, as amended, Corbett. Preelection day voting.

Existing law generally requires voters who wish to vote and who do not cast their ballots by mail to cast their ballot at the precinct polling place on election day.

This bill would permit, until December 31, 2016, the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the county elections officials, the University of California, and the California State University, to select 2 college campuses, one within the University of California and one within the California State University, to each serve as preelection day polling places for any precinct in the county's jurisdiction during at least one general election. The bill would require voluntary consent from the local elections official within whose jurisdiction a preelection day voting

polling place would be located for preelection day voting to take place in that jurisdiction. The bill would require that the preelection day polling places be open to receive votes on the 5 business days preceding election day. The bill would require each county elections official who has a preelection day polling place within his or her jurisdiction during an election to report to the Legislature and the Secretary of State regarding the use of the preelection day voting polling place within 6 months of the date of the election. The Secretary of State would then be required to report to the Legislature regarding an assessment of early voting on college campuses by examining the participation in the program and the costs to the state for implementing the program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 ~~(a) There is a correlation between preelection day voting and~~  
4 ~~higher instances of voter turnout.~~

5 ~~(b)~~

6 (a) Preelection day voting on college campuses will allow  
7 college students more time to vote and thereby more effectively  
8 manage their busy class schedules.

9 ~~(c)~~

10 (b) Research findings show that the younger a voter becomes  
11 engaged in the political process, the more likely he or she will  
12 remain an active participant in our democratic system of  
13 government.

14 SEC. 2. Article 6 (commencing with Section 12290) is added  
15 to Chapter 3 of Division 12 of the Elections Code, to read:

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17 Article 6. Preelection Day Voting Polling Places on College  
18 Campuses

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20 12290. (a) For at least one general election from January 1,  
21 2011, but prior to December 31, 2016, the Secretary of State, in  
22 conjunction with the county elections officials, the University of  
23 California, and the California State University, may establish

1 preelection day voting polling places on two college campuses in  
2 the state, subject to the following conditions:

3 (1) One of the college campuses shall be within the University  
4 of California. The campus selected must have at least 20,000  
5 registered students at the time of selection.

6 (2) One of the college campuses shall be within the California  
7 State University. The campus selected must have at least 13,000  
8 registered students at the time of selection.

9 (3) Preelection day voting shall not take place absent the  
10 voluntary consent of the local elections official within whose  
11 jurisdiction a preelection day voting polling place would be located.

12 (b) Each college campus selected to be a preelection day voting  
13 polling place shall serve as the polling place for any precinct in  
14 the county's jurisdiction.

15 12291. A preelection day voting polling place established  
16 pursuant to Section 12290 shall be open during the five business  
17 days prior to the date of the election. For each day that the  
18 preelection day voting polling place is open to receive votes prior  
19 to the date of the election, the provisions of Chapter 1 (commencing  
20 with Section 14000), Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 14100),  
21 and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 14200) of Division 14,  
22 except Section 14212, shall apply.

23 12292. A preelection day voting polling place may not be  
24 established for any election other than a general election as it  
25 applies to the pilot program in this article.

26 12293. (a) Each county elections official who has a preelection  
27 day voting polling place within his or her jurisdiction during an  
28 election shall report to the Legislature and the Secretary of State  
29 regarding the election within six months after the date of the  
30 election as it applies to the pilot program in this article. This report  
31 shall include, at a minimum, statistics regarding the cost of a  
32 preelection day voting polling place, the turnout of voters at the  
33 preelection day voting polling place, and any problems with  
34 preelection day voting polling place voting that has been made  
35 known to the elections official.

36 (b) After receiving the reports from the county elections officials  
37 pursuant to subdivision (a) but not later than eight months after  
38 the date of the election, the Secretary of State shall report to the  
39 Legislature regarding an assessment of early voting on college  
40 campuses by examining the participation in the program as well

1 as the costs to the state for implementing this article on these two  
2 campuses.  
3 12294. This article shall remain in effect only until December  
4 31, 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted  
5 statute, that is enacted before December 31, 2016, deletes or  
6 extends that date.

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