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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5001

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Cal. No. 460

"AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ALL AND VARIOUS OTHER REFORMS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS."

1 Strike sections 24 and 59 in their entirety and renumber the remaining
2 sections and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Section 9-352 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7 (a) Any election official who, with intent to cause or permit any
8 voting tabulator to fail to correctly register all votes cast thereon, (1)
9 tampers with or disarranges [such tabulator] in any way such tabulator

10 or any part or appliance thereof, or (2) causes such tabulator to be used
11 or consents to its being used for voting at any election with knowledge
12 of the fact that the same is (A) not in order, or (B) not perfectly set and
13 adjusted to correctly register all votes cast thereon, [or] shall be guilty of
14 a class D felony with a minimum term of imprisonment of twelve
15 months that may not be suspended or reduced.

16 (b) Any election official who, for the purpose of (1) defrauding or
17 deceiving any elector, or [of] (2) causing it to (A) be doubtful for what
18 candidate or candidates or proposition any vote is cast, or [causing it to]
19 (B) appear upon such tabulator that votes cast for one candidate or
20 proposition were cast for another candidate or proposition, removes,
21 changes or mutilates any ballot shall be guilty of a class D felony with a
22 minimum term of imprisonment of twelve months that may not be
23 suspended or reduced.

24 (c) Any election official who provides to any third party that has not
25 been authorized by the Secretary of the State any tabulator or any part
26 or appliance thereof shall be guilty of a class D felony with a minimum
27 term of imprisonment of twelve months that may not be suspended or
28 reduced.

29 Sec. 502. Section 9-353 of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

31 Any election official who, at the close of the polls, purposely causes
32 the vote registered on the tabulator to be incorrectly taken down as to
33 any candidate or proposition voted on, or who knowingly causes to be
34 made or signed any false statement, certificate or return of any kind, of
35 such vote, or who knowingly consents to any such act, shall be guilty of
36 a class D felony with a minimum term of imprisonment of twelve
37 months that may not be suspended or reduced.

38 Sec. 503. Section 9-354 of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

40 Any person who prints or causes to be printed upon any official ballot

41 the name of any person not a candidate of a party whose name is printed
42 at the head of the column containing such nominees or who prints or
43 causes to be printed any authorized ballot in any manner other than that
44 prescribed by the Secretary of the State, shall be guilty of a class D felony
45 with a minimum term of imprisonment of twelve months that may not
46 be suspended or reduced.

47 Sec. 504. Section 9-355 of the general statutes is repealed and the
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

49 Any person who, without reasonable cause, neglects to perform any
50 of the duties required of him by the laws relating to elections or
51 primaries and for which neglect no other punishment is provided, and
52 any person who is guilty of fraud in the performance of any such duty,
53 and any person who makes any unlawful alteration in any list required
54 by law, shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars or be
55 imprisoned not more than [one year] twelve months or be both fined
56 and imprisoned. Any official who is convicted of fraud in the
57 performance of any duty imposed upon him by any law relating to the
58 registration or admission of electors or to the conduct of any election
59 shall be disfranchised. Any public officer or any election official upon
60 whom any duty is imposed by part I of chapter 147 and sections 9-308
61 to 9-311, inclusive, who wilfully omits or neglects to perform any such
62 duty or does any act prohibited therein for which punishment is not
63 otherwise provided shall be guilty of a class E felony with a minimum
64 term of imprisonment of twelve months that may not be suspended or
65 reduced.

66 Sec. 505. Section 9-359a of the general statutes is repealed and the
67 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

68 (a) (1) A person is guilty of false statement in absentee balloting in
69 the first degree when such person intentionally signs the name of
70 another person to the application for an absentee ballot or the return
71 envelope accompanying any such ballot, which such person does not
72 believe to be true and which signature is intended to mislead a public

73 servant in the performance of such public servant's official function.

74 (2) False statement in absentee balloting in the first degree is a class
75 D felony with a minimum term of imprisonment of twelve months that
76 may not be suspended or reduced.

77 [(a)] (b) (1) A person is guilty of false statement in absentee balloting
78 in the second degree when [he] such person intentionally makes a false
79 written statement in or on [or signs the name of another person to] the
80 application for an absentee ballot or the [inner] return envelope
81 accompanying any such ballot, which [he] such person does not believe
82 to be true and which statement or signature is intended to mislead a
83 public servant in the performance of [his] such public servant's official
84 function.

85 [(b)] (2) False statement in absentee balloting in the second degree is
86 a class D felony.

87 Sec. 506. Section 9-363 of the general statutes is repealed and the
88 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

89 Any person who, with intent to defraud any elector of his or her vote
90 or cause any elector to lose his or her vote or any part thereof, gives in
91 any way, or prints, writes or circulates, or causes to be written, printed
92 or circulated, any improper, false, misleading or incorrect instructions
93 or advice or suggestions as to the manner of voting on any tabulator, the
94 following of which or any part of which would cause any elector to lose
95 his or her vote or any part thereof, or would cause any elector to fail in
96 whole or in part to register or record the same on the tabulator for the
97 candidates of his or her choice, shall be guilty of a class D felony with a
98 minimum term of imprisonment of twelve months that may not be
99 suspended or reduced.

100 Sec. 507. Section 9-364 of the general statutes is repealed and the
101 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

102 Any person who, with intent to disenfranchise any elector, influences

103 or attempts to influence by force or threat, bribery or corrupt, fraudulent
104 or deliberately deceitful means any elector to stay away from any
105 election or otherwise refrain from voting, whether such voting is by
106 mail, by deposit in a secure drop box or in person at a polling place or
107 designated early voting or same-day election registration location, shall
108 be guilty of a class D felony with a minimum term of imprisonment of
109 twelve months that may not be suspended or reduced.

110 Sec. 508. Section 9-365 of the general statutes is repealed and the
111 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

112 Any person who (1) during the period that is sixty days or less prior
113 to any election, municipal meeting, school district election or school
114 district meeting, attempts to influence the vote of any operative in his or
115 her employ by threats of withholding employment from him or her or
116 by promises of employment, or (2) dismisses any operative from his or
117 her employment on account of any vote he or she has given at any such
118 election or meeting shall be guilty of a class D felony with a minimum
119 term of imprisonment of twelve months that may not be suspended or
120 reduced.

121 Sec. 509. Section 9-366 of the general statutes is repealed and the
122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

123 Any person who induces or attempts to induce any elector to write,
124 paste or otherwise place, on a ballot, or a table or booth used for voting,
125 any name, sign or device of any kind, as a distinguishing mark by which
126 to indicate to another how such elector voted, or enters into or attempts
127 to form any agreement or conspiracy with any person to induce or
128 attempt to induce electors or any elector to so place any distinguishing
129 mark on such ballot, table or booth, or attempts to induce any elector to
130 do anything with a view to enabling another person to see or know for
131 what persons or any of them such elector votes, or enters into or
132 attempts to form any agreement or conspiracy to induce any elector to
133 do any act for the purpose of enabling another person or persons to see
134 or know for what person or persons such elector votes, or attempts to

135 induce any person to place himself or herself in such position, or to do
 136 any other act for the purpose of enabling him or her to see or know for
 137 what candidates any elector other than himself or herself votes, or
 138 himself or herself attempts to get in such position to do any act so that
 139 he or she will be enabled to see or know how any elector other than
 140 himself or herself votes, or does any act which invades or interferes with
 141 the secrecy of the voting or causes the same to be invaded or interfered
 142 with, shall be guilty of a class D felony with a minimum term of
 143 imprisonment of twelve months that may not be suspended or reduced.

144 Sec. 510. Section 9-368c of the general statutes is repealed and the
 145 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

146 (a) No person shall intentionally misrepresent the contents of a
 147 petition circulated under this title.

148 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
 149 guilty of a class D felony with a minimum term of imprisonment of
 150 twelve months that may not be suspended or reduced."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-352
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	9-353
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Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	9-355
Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	9-359a
Sec. 506	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	9-363
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Sec. 510	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	9-368c