



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 397

File No. 399

Cal. No. 455

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (d) of section 52-571k of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
5 *1, 2026*):

6 (d) (1) In any civil action brought under this section, governmental
7 immunity shall [only] be a defense to a claim for damages, [when]
8 unless, at the time of the conduct complained of, the police officer [had
9 an objectively good faith belief that such officer's conduct did not violate
10 the law. There shall be no] deprived any person or class of persons of
11 the protections, privileges and immunities guaranteed under article first
12 of the Constitution of this state. A party may make an interlocutory

13 appeal of a trial court's denial of the application of the defense of
14 governmental immunity. Governmental immunity shall not be a
15 defense in a civil action brought solely for equitable relief.

16 (2) In any civil action brought under this section, the trier of fact may
17 draw an adverse inference from a police officer's deliberate failure, in
18 violation of section 29-6d, to record any event that is relevant to such
19 action."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2026	52-571k(d)