



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 5371



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."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 57 of substitute  
4 house bill 5001 of the current session, as amended by House  
5 Amendment Schedules "A" and "E", is repealed and the following is  
6 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

7 "(2) Nothing in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be construed  
8 to (A) prevent any officer, agent or person described in said subdivision,  
9 from accessing, traveling to and from, or remaining at a law  
10 enforcement unit building that is located within two hundred fifty feet  
11 of an elections site, (B) prevent any officer, agent or person described in  
12 said subdivision, when off duty, from voting in accordance with the

13 provisions of title 9 of the general statutes or otherwise engaging in  
14 protected political expression, or (C) prohibit any such officer, agent or  
15 person from (i) passing or remaining within two hundred fifty feet of an  
16 elections site only for as long as necessary to be within such two  
17 hundred fifty feet while on the way to or while present at a place or  
18 location other than such elections site, or (ii) residing within such two  
19 hundred fifty feet, or (iii) accessing such elections site for the purposes  
20 of casting a ballot, if such officer, agent or person is an elector registered  
21 to vote at such election site. For purposes of this subdivision "law  
22 enforcement unit building" means any building or structure that is  
23 utilized by a police officer, as defined in section 7-294a of the general  
24 statutes, in the course of performing official duties, including, but not  
25 limited to, a headquarters, a station, a substation, or a barracks."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	HB 5001 (current session), Sec. 57 (b)(2)