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~~An act to amend Section 84309 of the Government Code, relating to
the Political Reform Act of 1974. An act to add and repeal Chapter 1.5
(commencing with Section 8160) of Part 1 of Division 8 of the Elections
Code, relating to elections, making an appropriation therefor, and
declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 280, as amended, Cervantes. ~~Political Reform Act of 1974: prohibition on contributions in state and local government office buildings. Elections.~~

(1) Existing law authorizes a candidate for elective office to submit a petition containing a specified number of signatures in lieu of all or part of the fee for filing nomination papers. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to make forms for securing signatures available to each candidate commencing 60 days before the first day for circulating nomination papers, except as specified, and requires candidates to file in-lieu-filing-fee petitions at least 30 days before the close of the nomination period.

This bill, for the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election, would require the Secretary of State to make those forms available beginning December 19, 2025. This bill would require the Secretary of State to prepare a calendar of key election dates and deadlines and requirements for the nomination of candidates by the date that the in-lieu-filing-fee petition forms are made available.

(2) Existing law requires each county elections official to provide the Secretary of State with specified information regarding the number of voters and their party preferences in the county and each supervisorial, Congressional, Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization district in the county on the 135th day before each direct primary election, with respect to all voters who are registered voters on the 154th day before the primary election. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to compile a statewide list of this information within 30 days after receiving it from each county elections official.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to determine, by December 19, 2025, whether it is feasible to include in the statewide list described above the number of voters by party preference in each congressional district with respect to all voters who are registered voters on the 154th day before the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election. If the Secretary of State determines it is not feasible, the bill would not require that information to be included in the information provided by the counties and the compiled statewide list. The bill would require the Secretary of State to prepare a supplemental statewide list showing that information on a date specified by the Secretary of State, but not later than the 88th day before the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election.

(3) Existing law authorizes a candidate for elective office to designate that certain specified words appear below the candidate's name on the ballot, including, among others, the word "incumbent."

This bill, for the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary election, would prohibit a candidate for the office of Representative in Congress from choosing the word "incumbent" as a designation to appear on the ballot. The bill would make conforming changes relating to the deadline for a person to file nomination documents for an office if a current holder of the office does not file nomination documents. These provisions would become operative only if ACA 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session is approved by the voters and another state adopts a new congressional district map that takes effect after August 1, 2025.

(4) The bill would repeal the provisions described in paragraphs (1) to (3) above on January 1, 2027.

(5) Existing law requires a constitutional amendment submitted to the people by the Legislature to appear on the ballot of the first statewide election occurring at least 131 days after the adoption of the proposal.

This bill would call a special election to be held throughout the state on November 4, 2025, and, notwithstanding the 131-day requirement, would require the submission of ACA 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session to the voters at that special election. The bill would authorize a local election called on or before August 8, 2025, and scheduled to be held on November 4, 2025, to be consolidated with the statewide special election. The bill would require that the impartial analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst for the state voter information guide for the special election include specified content regarding 2021 and 2025 congressional district maps.

The bill would specify the procedures under which the special election would be conducted. Counties that conduct all-mailed ballot elections using vote centers would be required to maintain at least one vote center for every 30,000 registered voters from November 1, 2025, to November 4, 2025, and at least one vote center for every 60,000 registered voters from October 25, 2025, through October 31, 2025. Other counties would be authorized to consolidate polling places at a maximum ratio of one for every 10,000 registered voters.

The bill would appropriate an amount from the General Fund to the Controller for the actual and reasonably necessary costs for counties to conduct the special election, as determined by the Director of Finance. The bill would also appropriate an amount from the General

Fund to the Secretary of State for the actual and reasonably necessary costs for the Secretary of State to administer the special election, as determined by the Director of Finance.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

~~The Political Reform Act of 1974 comprehensively regulates political campaigns, including campaign contributions. The act prohibits the receipt, delivery, or attempted delivery of a contribution in the State Capitol, any state office building, or any office for which the state pays the majority of the rent other than a legislative district office.~~

~~This bill would expand that prohibition to apply to local government office buildings and offices for which the state or a local government pays rent. The bill would also eliminate the exception for legislative district offices.~~

~~A violation of the act is punishable as a misdemeanor. By expanding the scope of restrictions on contributions, this bill would expand the scope of an existing crime, and therefore would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

~~The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes upon a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house of the Legislature and compliance with specified procedural requirements.~~

~~This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.~~

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: ~~no~~-yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 8160) is
- 2 added to Part 1 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, to read:

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2 *CHAPTER 1.5. JUNE 2, 2026, STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY*
3 *ELECTION*
4

5 8160. This chapter applies only to the June 2, 2026, statewide
6 direct primary election.

7 8161. For purposes of this chapter, “statewide direct primary
8 election” means the June 2, 2026, statewide direct primary
9 election.

10 8162. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 8106,
11 forms for securing signatures on an in-lieu-filing-fee petition shall
12 be made available beginning December 19, 2025.

13 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 8106, the
14 elections official shall reduce the required number of signatures
15 on an in-lieu-filing-fee petition by the same proportion as the
16 reduction in the number of days for the candidate to collect
17 signatures on such a petition compared to the number of days for
18 a candidate to collect signatures on a petition, as provided by
19 subdivision (b) of Section 8106.

20 8163. Not later than December 19, 2025, the Secretary of State
21 shall determine whether it is feasible to include the number of
22 voters, by party preferences, in each congressional district in the
23 state in the statewide list compiled by the Secretary of State
24 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2187 with respect to all
25 voters who are registered voters on the 154th day before the
26 statewide direct primary election in accordance with paragraph
27 (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 2187, and shall publicly announce
28 that determination. If the Secretary of State determines that it is
29 not feasible to include that information, all of the following apply:

30 (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section
31 2187, the information provided by the county elections official
32 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 2187 is
33 not required to include the number of voters by political party
34 preferences in congressional districts located in whole or in part
35 within the county.

36 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 2187, the
37 statewide list compiled by the Secretary of State pursuant to that
38 subdivision with respect to all voters who are registered voters on
39 the 154th day before the statewide direct primary election shall

1 not include the number of voters, by party preferences, in each
2 congressional district in the state.

3 (c) (1) The Secretary of State shall prepare a supplemental
4 statewide list showing the number of voters, by party preference,
5 in the state and in each county, city, supervisorial district,
6 Assembly district, Senate district, and congressional district in the
7 state with respect to all voters who are registered voters on a date
8 specified by the Secretary of State. The date specified by the
9 Secretary of State shall be as soon as is feasible, as determined
10 by the Secretary of State, but not later than the 88th day before
11 the statewide direct primary election. The Secretary of State shall
12 compile this list within 30 days of receiving the information
13 specified in paragraph (2). A copy of this list shall be made
14 available, upon request, to any elector in this state.

15 (2) For the purpose of preparing the supplemental statewide
16 list required by paragraph (1), each county elections official shall
17 prepare the information referenced in subdivision (a) of Section
18 2187 and provide notice to the Secretary of State by a date
19 specified by the Secretary of State.

20 8164. Not later than the date that forms for securing signatures
21 on an in-lieu-filing-fee petition are made available in accordance
22 with Section 8162, the Secretary of State shall prepare a calendar
23 of key election dates and deadlines and requirements for the
24 nomination and election of candidates pursuant to California law,
25 including this chapter.

26 8165. (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of subdivision (a)
27 of Section 13107, a candidate for the office of Representative in
28 Congress shall not choose the word “incumbent” as a designation
29 to appear on the ballot. This subdivision shall not be construed to
30 prevent a candidate from choosing a designation of the elective
31 office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination
32 documents, to which the candidate was elected by vote of the people
33 in accordance with paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section
34 13107.

35 (b) (1) Section 8022, as it pertains to the office of
36 Representative in Congress, shall not be operative.

37 (2) Notwithstanding Section 8020 or any other law, a person
38 shall have until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the statewide direct
39 primary election to file nomination documents for the office of
40 Representative in Congress, if either of the following is true:

1 (A) No person who currently holds the office of Representative
2 in Congress delivered nomination documents for that district by
3 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the statewide direct primary election.

4 (B) Every person who currently holds the office of
5 Representative in Congress who delivered nomination documents
6 for that district by 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the statewide
7 direct primary election also withdrew those nomination documents
8 before 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the statewide direct primary
9 election.

10 (c) This section shall become operative only if Assembly
11 Constitutional Amendment 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session is
12 approved by the voters and takes effect, and subdivision (b) of
13 Section 4 of Article XXI of the California Constitution, as added
14 by that constitutional amendment, becomes operative.

15 8166. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1,
16 2027, and as of that date is repealed.

17 SEC. 2. (a) (1) A special election is hereby called to be held
18 throughout the state on November 4, 2025.

19 (2) Notwithstanding Sections 10403 and 10406 of the Elections
20 Code or any other law, a regular or special local election for the
21 submission of any question, proposition, or office to be filled,
22 which was called by a district, city, or other political subdivision
23 on or before August 8, 2025, and scheduled to be held on November
24 4, 2025, may be consolidated with the statewide special election.
25 A district, city, or other political subdivision shall not call a special
26 election to be held on November 4, 2025, after the effective date
27 of this act.

28 (b) (1) Notwithstanding Sections 9040, 9043, 9044, 9061, 9082,
29 and 9094 of the Elections Code or any other law, the Secretary of
30 State shall submit Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 of the
31 2025–26 Regular Session to the voters at the November 4, 2025,
32 statewide special election.

33 (2) Notwithstanding Section 13117 of the Elections Code, the
34 measure described in paragraph (1) shall be designated as
35 Proposition 50.

36 (c) Notwithstanding Section 9054 of the Elections Code or any
37 other law, if a city, county, or city and county is required to provide
38 a translation of ballot materials in a language other than English,
39 the Secretary of State shall provide a translation of the ballot title
40 and summary and the ballot label for the measure described in

1 subdivision (b) to the city, county, or city and county not later than
2 a date determined by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State
3 is not required to consult with an advisory body of language
4 experts and nonpartisan organizations that advocate on behalf of,
5 or provide services to, individuals that speak that language for
6 these purposes. The translations of the ballot title and summary
7 and the ballot label may be made available for public examination
8 at a later date than the start of the public examination period for
9 the state voter information guide, provided that the translations
10 of the ballot title and summary and the ballot label shall remain
11 available for public examination for eight days. A voter may seek
12 a writ of mandate for the purpose of requiring the translations, or
13 portions thereof, to be amended or deleted only within that
14 eight-day period.

15 (d) Notwithstanding Section 13282 of the Elections Code or
16 any other law, the public shall be permitted to examine the
17 condensed ballot title and summary of the measure described in
18 subdivision (b) for eight days. A voter may seek a writ of mandate
19 for the purpose of requiring the condensed ballot title and
20 summary, or portions thereof, to be amended or deleted only within
21 that eight-day period.

22 (e) Notwithstanding Sections 303, 9050, and 9051 of the
23 Elections Code or any other law, the ballot label for the measure
24 described in subdivision (b) shall not include a list of supporters
25 and opponents.

26 (f) The impartial analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst
27 pursuant to Section 9087 of the Elections Code for inclusion in
28 the state voter information guide prepared by the Secretary of
29 State pursuant to Section 9081 of the Elections Code for the
30 statewide special election called by paragraph (1) of subdivision
31 (a) of this section shall include all of the following:

32 (1) A hyperlink to the text of Assembly Bill 604 of the 2025–26
33 Regular Session.

34 (2) One or more visual depictions of the geographic map or
35 maps of the congressional districts that were certified by the
36 Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2021.

37 (3) One or more visual depictions of the geographic map or
38 maps of the congressional districts that are created by Assembly
39 Bill 604 of the 2025–26 Regular Session. For the purpose of
40 complying with this requirement, the Legislative Analyst may use

1 the geographic map or maps of the congressional districts that
2 are displayed on the webpage of the Assembly Committee on
3 Elections or of the Senate Committee on Elections and
4 Constitutional Amendments.

5 SEC. 3. (a) This section applies only to the statewide special
6 election held on November 4, 2025.

7 (b) (1) A county that does not conduct the statewide special
8 election pursuant to Section 4005 of the Elections Code shall
9 provide at least two vote by mail ballot drop-off locations within
10 the county or at least one vote by mail ballot drop-off location for
11 every 30,000 registered voters within the county, as determined
12 by the last report of registration issued by the Secretary of State
13 pursuant to Section 2187 of the Elections Code, whichever results
14 in more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations. For a county with
15 fewer than 30,000 registered voters, at least one vote by mail ballot
16 drop-off location shall be provided.

17 (2) A county that conducts the statewide special election
18 pursuant to Section 4005 of the Elections Code shall provide at
19 least two ballot drop-off locations within the county or at least
20 one ballot drop-off location provided for every 15,000 registered
21 voters within the county, as determined by the last report of
22 registration issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section
23 2187 of the Elections Code, whichever results in more ballot
24 drop-off locations.

25 (3) A ballot drop-off location provided for under this subdivision
26 consists of a secure, accessible, and locked ballot box located as
27 near as possible to established public transportation routes and
28 that is able to receive voted ballots. All ballot drop-off locations
29 shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not
30 later than October 7, 2025, through November 4, 2025. At least
31 one ballot drop-off location shall be an accessible, secured,
32 exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per
33 day including regular business hours.

34 (c) A county that conducts the statewide special election
35 pursuant to Section 4005 of the Elections Code may choose to
36 have its vote centers open in accordance with the following
37 provisions, in lieu of the requirements of paragraph (3) of, and
38 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (4) of, subdivision (a) of
39 Section 4005 of the Elections Code:

1 (1) From November 1, 2025, to November 3, 2025, inclusive,
2 for a minimum of eight hours per day at regular hours convenient
3 for members of the public, and on November 4, 2025, from 7 a.m.
4 to 8 p.m., inclusive, at least one vote center shall be provided for
5 every 30,000 registered voters within the county, as determined
6 by the most recent report of registration issued by the Secretary
7 of State pursuant to Section 2187 of the Elections Code. For a
8 county with fewer than 30,000 registered voters, a minimum of
9 one vote center shall be provided.

10 (2) Beginning October 25, 2025, and continuing daily up to and
11 including October 31, 2025, for a minimum of eight hours per day
12 at regular hours convenient for members of the public, at least
13 one vote center shall be provided for every 60,000 registered voters
14 within the county, as determined by the most recent report of
15 registration issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section
16 2187 of the Elections Code. For a county with fewer than 60,000
17 registered voters, a minimum of one vote center shall be provided.

18 (d) (1) A county that does not conduct the statewide special
19 election pursuant to Section 4005 of the Elections Code may choose
20 to follow the procedures described in this subdivision as an
21 alternative to procedures that would otherwise be applicable in
22 that county.

23 (2) (A) While maintaining separate geographical precincts
24 under the existing limits on number of voters provided in Section
25 12223 of the Elections Code, the elections official may establish
26 consolidated precinct boards, located within the same physical
27 polling place, serving the voters residing in multiple adjacent
28 precincts established pursuant to Section 12223 of the Elections
29 Code at a maximum ratio of one consolidated precinct board
30 location for every 10,000 registered voters. These consolidated
31 polling locations shall be open from November 1, 2025, through
32 November 3, 2025, for at least eight hours each day at regular
33 hours convenient for members of the public. On November 4, 2025,
34 the consolidated polling location shall be open from 7 a.m. to 8
35 p.m.

36 (B) In establishing the consolidated polling places, the elections
37 official shall take into consideration the boundaries of state
38 legislative, congressional, county supervisorial, and any other
39 affected local legislative districts.

1 (C) The elections official shall ensure that the consolidated
2 polling places are equitably distributed across the county to afford
3 maximally convenient options for all voters and are established
4 at accessible locations as near as possible to established public
5 transportation routes. A consolidated polling place shall be located
6 within the boundary of one of the precincts it serves.

7 (D) (i) The consolidated polling places shall be equipped with
8 voting units or systems that are accessible to individuals with
9 disabilities and provide the same opportunity for access and
10 participation as is provided to voters who are not disabled,
11 including the ability to vote privately and independently, in
12 accordance with Sections 12280 and 19240 of the Elections Code.
13 Each consolidated polling place shall have at least three voting
14 machines that are accessible to voters with disabilities.

15 (ii) The consolidated polling places shall comply with the
16 accessibility requirements described in Article 5 (commencing
17 with Section 12280) of Chapter 3 of Division 12 of the Elections
18 Code, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42
19 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), the federal Help America Vote Act of
20 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.), and the federal Voting Rights
21 Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

22 (E) The elections official shall provide each consolidated polling
23 place with enough ballots, provisional ballots, and provisional
24 ballot envelopes to ensure every voter can be accommodated, as
25 necessary.

26 (3) In a county with consolidated polling places as described
27 in this subdivision, the elections official shall provide at least one
28 location, open at least during regular business hours beginning
29 not later than October 7, 2025, at which a voter may do any of the
30 following:

31 (A) Return, or vote and return, the voter's vote by mail ballot.

32 (B) Register to vote, update the voter's voter registration, and
33 vote pursuant to Section 2170 of the Elections Code.

34 (C) Receive and vote a provisional ballot pursuant to Section
35 3016 of the Elections Code or Article 5 (commencing with Section
36 14310) of Chapter 3 of Division 14 of the Elections Code.

37 (D) Receive a replacement ballot after submitting a valid
38 replacement ballot request as provided for in Section 3014 of the
39 Elections Code.

1 (E) Vote a regular, provisional, or replacement ballot using
2 accessible voting equipment that provides for a private and
3 independent voting experience.

4 (4) In determining the locations of consolidated polling places
5 pursuant to this subdivision, the county elections official shall
6 consider consolidated polling place location proximity to
7 communities with historically low vote by mail usage. County
8 elections officials shall also consider the other criteria described
9 in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (10) of subdivision (a) of Section
10 4005 of the Elections Code, to the extent data is readily available.

11 (5) After finalizing the locations of consolidated polling places,
12 the county elections official shall provide public notice, in all
13 legally required languages for that county, of the proposed
14 consolidated polling place locations, post a copy of those locations
15 on the county elections official's internet website, and accept public
16 comments on the final locations. The county elections official shall
17 accept public comment for at least 48 hours after providing public
18 notice of the proposed locations. Following the public comment
19 period, the county elections official shall consider any comments
20 the official receives from the public and shall adjust consolidated
21 polling place locations in response to the public comments to the
22 extent the official deems appropriate. Notice of any adjustments
23 shall be immediately posted on the county election official's
24 internet website and social media platforms.

25 (e) (1) The Secretary of State shall establish a process to
26 consider requests from counties to adjust or partially waive the
27 minimally required number, location, or operational duration of
28 consolidated polling places described in subdivision (d), or to
29 partially waive the provisions regarding the maximum number of
30 voters in a precinct as required by Section 12223 of the Elections
31 Code. The process shall include, but not be limited to, review and
32 modification, denial, or granting of a county's request in a
33 timeframe to be determined by the Secretary of State. The Secretary
34 of State shall not grant a county a complete waiver of the minimally
35 required number, location, or operational duration of consolidated
36 polling places described in subdivision (d), and shall not grant a
37 county a waiver of the provisions regarding the maximum number
38 of voters in a precinct as required by Section 12223 of the Elections
39 Code that would result in more than 3,000 voters being assigned
40 to any single precinct.

1 (2) (A) *The Secretary of State shall not grant a partial waiver*
2 *or modification to a county unless the elections official in that*
3 *county demonstrates all of the following:*

4 (i) *The official made best efforts to secure the required in-person*
5 *voting locations.*

6 (ii) *The plan will not have a negative disparate impact on*
7 *disabled voters or any protected class of voters.*

8 (iii) *The plan will not reduce in-person voting locations below*
9 *a number of locations necessary to safely and efficiently*
10 *accommodate the anticipated demand for in-person voting services.*

11 (B) *For the purposes of this paragraph, “protected class” means*
12 *a class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language*
13 *minority group, as referenced and defined in the federal Voting*
14 *Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).*

15 (f) (1) *Notwithstanding Section 15301 or 15372 of the Elections*
16 *Code, or any other law, the elections official shall not certify the*
17 *results of the November 4, 2025, statewide special election prior*
18 *to the 28th calendar day following the election.*

19 (2) *Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if during the official canvass*
20 *there are no vote by mail ballots remaining for which a voter has*
21 *the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to*
22 *subdivision (d) of Section 3019 of the Elections Code or to provide*
23 *their signature pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 3019 of the*
24 *Elections Code and has not already done so, the elections official*
25 *may certify the results of the November 4, 2025, statewide special*
26 *election prior to the 28th calendar day following the election.*

27 (g) *Notwithstanding Section 3019 of the Elections Code, the*
28 *elections official shall accept a completed signature verification*
29 *statement, unsigned identification envelope statement, or a*
30 *combined vote by mail ballot signature verification statement and*
31 *unsigned identification envelope statement until 5 p.m. on the 26th*
32 *calendar day following the November 4, 2025, statewide special*
33 *election.*

34 (h) *Notwithstanding Section 15301 of the Elections Code, if the*
35 *only ballots that the elections official has left to count as part of*
36 *the official canvass are vote by mail ballots for which a voter has*
37 *the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to*
38 *subdivision (d) of Section 3019 of the Elections Code or to provide*
39 *their signature pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 3019 of the*
40 *Elections Code, and the elections official does not need to continue*

1 the official canvass for at least six hours per day in order to
2 complete the official canvass by the 28th calendar day following
3 the election, the official canvass may be continued for fewer than
4 six hours per day until completion.

5 SEC. 4. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure counties
6 have sufficient funding to effectuate the November 4, 2025,
7 statewide special election. An amount is hereby appropriated from
8 the General Fund to the Controller for the actual and reasonably
9 necessary costs, as determined by the Director of Finance, for the
10 counties to conduct the November 4, 2025, statewide special
11 election.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the Controller shall allocate
13 these funds to counties according to a schedule provided by the
14 Director of Finance. Any excess funds received by the county shall
15 be used to offset state costs for the next statewide election
16 conducted by the county. Each county shall report its final total
17 cost to administer the statewide special election to the Secretary
18 of State in a manner and by a date determined by the Secretary of
19 State.

20 (c) An amount is hereby appropriated from the General Fund
21 to the Secretary of State for the actual and reasonably necessary
22 costs, as determined by the Director of Finance, for the Secretary
23 of State to administer the November 4, 2025, statewide special
24 election.

25 (d) No later than April 1, 2026, the Secretary of State shall
26 report on the final costs of the statewide special election to the
27 Director of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.
28 The report shall include all of the following:

29 (1) The total cost of the statewide special election by county.

30 (2) The costs broken out by category for each county.

31 (3) Any funds remaining, by county, that can be used to offset
32 state costs for the next election conducted by the county.

33 SEC. 5. The provisions of this act are severable. If any
34 provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity
35 shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given
36 effect without the invalid provision or application.

37 SEC. 6. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
38 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
39 the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall
40 go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

1 *In order to hold a statewide special election on November 4,*
2 *2025, so that congressional district boundaries can be adjusted*
3 *and implemented in time for the June 2, 2026, statewide direct*
4 *primary election, it is necessary that this act take effect*
5 *immediately.*

6 ~~SECTION 1. Section 84309 of the Government Code is~~
7 ~~amended to read:~~

8 ~~84309. (a) A person shall not receive or personally deliver or~~
9 ~~attempt to deliver a contribution in the State Capitol, any state or~~
10 ~~local government office building, or any office for which the state~~
11 ~~or a local government pays rent.~~

12 ~~(b) For purposes of this section:~~

13 ~~(1) "Personally deliver" means delivery of a contribution in~~
14 ~~person or causing a contribution to be delivered in person by an~~
15 ~~agent or intermediary.~~

16 ~~(2) "Receive" includes the receipt of a campaign contribution~~
17 ~~delivered in person.~~

18 ~~(3) "State or local government office building" means any~~
19 ~~building owned by the state or a local government in which more~~
20 ~~than 50 percent of the total floor area is used as office space for~~
21 ~~government employees.~~

22 ~~SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to~~
23 ~~Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because~~
24 ~~the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school~~
25 ~~district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or~~
26 ~~infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty~~
27 ~~for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of~~
28 ~~the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within~~
29 ~~the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California~~
30 ~~Constitution.~~

31 ~~SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers~~
32 ~~the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the~~
33 ~~meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government~~
34 ~~Code.~~