



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 49 without my signature.

When only one candidate qualifies for a special primary election ballot to fill a legislative vacancy, this bill permits a Governor to cancel the election and declare the candidate elected.

In the situation envisioned by this bill, potential write-in candidates would be excluded from participating in the election. This doesn't seem consistent with democratic principles that call for choice and robust debate.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.