



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1391 without my signature.

This bill requires vote by mail ballot applications to provide a means for the applicant to specify the preferred language in which he or she would like to receive future election materials. It also requires voter notifications to include a statement of the voter's language preference and instructions to receive election materials in the voter's preferred language.

While this bill is laudable, I must veto it because of the new obligations it imposes on county elections officials and the state-reimbursable mandate it creates. However, I will propose funding in the 2020-21 budget for the Secretary of State to fulfill its responsibilities in this bill in demonstration of California's commitment to empowering all eligible Californians to exercise their right to vote.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom