

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 681 without my signature.

This bill requires county elections officials to send a notice to each registered voter in the county with specified voting information before every presidential primary election. This bill also requires a local elections official to accept a change of address form, or a change in party preference form, from a registered voter from the 14th day before an election through the close of polls on election day instead of executing a new affidavit of registration.

While I share the Legislature's intent to reduce voter confusion, this bill may create a state-reimbursable mandate with likely significant ongoing General Fund costs to the state, thus it should be considered in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom