



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1116 without my signature.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to develop a method to allow voting-eligible individuals who do not have a California driver's license or California identification card to register to vote electronically by January 1, 2029.

While I support the author's goal of removing unnecessary barriers for eligible voters to register to vote, this bill would result in one-time and ongoing costs in the millions of dollars not included in the 2026 Budget Act.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

