



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1562 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a county to adopt a system to randomly select individuals to serve as precinct board members. This bill also establishes standards and guidelines for a county election official to follow in developing and implementing this system.

I thank the author for his commitment to increasing civic engagement and participation in our democratic processes. If a county were to choose to implement a system consistent with this bill, it would require a tremendous amount of staff and financial resources. Given the unprecedented attacks on our election systems, I am concerned that while well-intentioned, this bill could inadvertently redirect resources away from local election officials administering free and fair elections.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom