



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 7005

Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6697

File No. 606

Cal. No. 381

"AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT PRIMARIES."

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 153 of
4 the general statutes, the nominating procedure for candidates for state
5 office and district office, as defined in section 9-372 of the general
6 statutes, shall be changed as follows:

7 (1) The number of delegates to a state or district convention that are
8 allocated to each candidate for nomination by a political party to a
9 state or district office shall be based on the percentage of the votes cast
10 for each such candidate at a state-wide or district-wide primary. Said
11 primary shall be held on the last Tuesday in June in the year in which
12 the regular election is to be held for said office.

13 (2) The name of a candidate for nomination to a state office or a
14 district office shall be placed on the ballot for the primary held by the
15 candidate's party for said office under subdivision (1) of this section

16 only if the candidate files a petition with the Secretary of the State not
17 later than June first of said year, which contains (A) for a state office,
18 the signatures of at least two per cent of the enrolled members of such
19 party in the state, including at least one per cent of the enrolled
20 members of such party from each congressional district, (B) for the
21 district office of representative in Congress, the signatures of at least
22 two per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the district, or
23 (C) for the district office of state senator, state representative or judge
24 of probate, at least five per cent of the enrolled members of such party
25 in the district.

26 (3) Petition pages for the purposes of subdivision (2) of this section
27 shall be available from the Secretary of the State beginning on May
28 fifteenth of said year. Such pages shall be in a form prescribed by the
29 Secretary and shall conform, as nearly as may be, to the requirements
30 for primary petition forms provided in section 9-410 of the general
31 statutes. Any person requesting the petition pages shall give to the
32 Secretary, in writing, the person's name and address, the name and
33 address of the candidate for whom the petition is to be circulated and
34 the party holding the primary, and shall also file, or cause to be filed,
35 with said Secretary a written statement, signed by such candidate, to
36 the effect that the candidate consents to the inclusion of the candidate's
37 name on the primary ballot of such party. Upon completion of these
38 requirements, the Secretary shall give to the person so requesting such
39 petition pages a number of pages sufficient to contain at least two
40 times the number of signatures required in accordance with the
41 provisions of subdivision (2) of this section. The Secretary shall also fill
42 in on each petition page the name and address of the candidate, the
43 words "nomination for (name of the state office or district office)" as
44 the designation of the office sought, and the name of the party
45 conducting the primary.

46 (4) The convention held to endorse candidates for state or district
47 office to be voted upon at a state election shall be convened not earlier
48 than the seventy-fourth day and closed not later than the fifty-sixth
49 day preceding the day of the election for such offices. The delegates to

50 said conventions, up to the number allocated to each candidate under
51 this section, shall be chosen in accordance with party rules.

52 (5) The candidate endorsed by the convention for an office shall be
53 the nominee of the party for said office. There shall be no nominating
54 primaries.

55 (6) The Secretary of the State shall adopt regulations to carry out the
56 purposes of this act, which shall include, but not be limited to,
57 provisions concerning the circulation, filing and verification of
58 petitions, the tabulation of signatures, the order of candidate names on
59 the ballot, and the conduct of the primaries.

60 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002, and shall apply to
61 primaries and elections held on or after January 1, 2002."