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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 729 File No. 599 Cal. No. 437

"AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR EARLY VOTING IN A MUNICIPAL ELECTION."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section, "community notification system" means an alert system that
5 permits a resident of a municipality to opt to be notified by the
6 municipality via electronic mail, text, telephone or other electronic or
7 automated means of significant community events or news.

8 (b) Upon the request of the chief elected official of a municipality, a
9 municipality may use a community notification system to send notices
10 informing residents of an upcoming election, referendum or town
11 meeting to all residents enrolled in such system. Such notice shall be
12 limited to (1) the time and location of such election, referendum or
13 town meeting, (2) a plain statement of the question or offices to be
14 voted upon, and (3) if applicable, the explanatory text approved in

15 accordance with subsection (a) of section 9-369b of the general statutes.
 16 Any such notice shall not advocate a particular position or result on
 17 the question to be decided, support or oppose the election of any
 18 candidate, or attempt to influence the outcome of the election or
 19 referendum.

20 (c) Other than a notice authorized by subsection (b) of this section,
 21 no municipality or municipal agency, board, commission, department,
 22 employee or elected or appointed official may use municipal property,
 23 personnel or other municipal resources to send notices to residents of
 24 the municipality informing, reminding or urging participation in an
 25 election, referendum or town meeting using electronic mail, text,
 26 telephone or other electronic or automated means. Nothing in this
 27 subsection shall be construed to prohibit a municipal official or
 28 employee from (1) sending a ballot or other communication
 29 electronically as authorized under a specific provision of the general
 30 statutes, or (2) responding to questions or requests for information
 31 received from individual residents of the municipality as long as such
 32 response does not advocate a particular position or result on the
 33 question to be decided, support or oppose the election of any
 34 candidate, or attempt to influence the outcome of the election or
 35 referendum."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2013	New section