Conditional Voter Registration

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National Voter Registration Act of 1993 “Motor Voter” - May 20, 1993
• Provided for a voter registration application to be provided to a person applying for a driver’s license.

AB 1094 Hertzberg 15 – Day Close of Registration
• Signed by Governor September 25, 2000
• Moved close of registration from 29 days before the election to 15 days.

AB 1520 Shelley Permanent Vote By Mail
• Signed by Governor October 14, 2001
• This bill authorizes any voter to apply for permanent absent voter status.
After E-15, current law does not give people the right to register and vote, if they:

- Moved from one California county to another;
- Changed their name or party affiliation; or
- Want to register and vote for the first time.

This Proposal

Closes the gaps in California law, so that all eligible citizens have the ability to register and vote after E-15 – from E-14 through Election Day – at the county elections office in the county where they live.

This bill requires people who want to register to vote after E-15 to:

- Visit their county elections office;
- Present proof of residence by showing a current and valid photo identification or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.
- Complete a voter registration card (VRC); and
- Cast a provisional ballot.

CACEO supported the SDR proposal in 2009
September 2012  California Online Voter Registration (COVR)

AB 1436  Feuer.  Conditional Voter Registration

• Signed by Governor September 24, 2012
• Provides for voters to register and vote a provisional ballot E-14 through Election Day at the permanent office of the elections official or at a designated satellite office on Election Day.
• CVR shall become operative on January 1 of the year following the year in which the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.
• See related documents:
  • CACEO Conditional Voter Registration FAQs
  • Proposed SOS Regulations – Conditional Voter Registration

SB 439 Allen  Satellite Offices

• Signed by Governor October 10, 2015
• This bill would also allow a county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at satellite offices other than on Election Day.
AB 1461 Gonzalez. Voter registration: California New Motor Voter Program

• Signed by Governor October 10, 2015
• This bill specifies that the DMV shall commence implementation of this section no later than one year after the Secretary of State certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database in compliance with HAVA, and that the Legislature has appropriated the funds necessary for the SOS and the DMV to implement and maintain this Program. Additionally the SOS must adopt regulations pursuant to section 2270.

September 26, 2016 Secretary of State Padilla Certifies VoteCal Statewide Voter Registration Database

January 1, 2017 Conditional Voter Registration takes effect

April 2018 New Motor Voter to be implemented
  • Automatically registers voters to vote when they apply for a Driver’s License.
  • DMV will deliver Voter Registration data to the Secretary of State Electronically.
  • Registrant can choose to opt out of Voter Registration.
  • If there is no political party selected, the voter is registered as No Party Preference.
County elections officials shall offer CVR and CVR provisional voting at all permanent offices of the county elections official.

In an election that is conducted using vote centers, the county elections official shall offer CVR and CVR provisional voting at all vote centers.

In an election that is not conducted using vote centers:

- The county elections official may offer CVR voting at designated satellite offices. If a county intends to use a satellite office(s) for CVR, the county shall notify the Secretary of State no later than 14 days prior to voting and provide the location, operating hours, and contact information.

Designated satellite offices offering CVR voting shall have:

- An electronic poll book, access to the county’s local election management system, in whole or in part, or the means to otherwise provide the CVR voter with the ballot for the proper precinct in which the voter is entitled to vote.
- A ballot on-demand printing system or access to all ballot styles utilized in the specific election.