California
Vote by Mail

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- California No-Excuse Absentee Voting - 1978
  - 4.4% absentee ballots cast – November 1978
- Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) – 1986
  - Protects the right to vote for service members stationed overseas
- Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) - 2009
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- California Permanent Vote By Mail - 2002
  - 27% VBM ballots cast November 2002
  - 60% VBM ballots cast November 2014 & 58% November 2016
- Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) - 2009
  - Expanded UOCAVA to provide greater protections to service members, their families and other overseas citizens.
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- **Postage Plus Three - 2016**
  - Allows VBM ballots to be counted if postmarked and received within three days of Election Day

- **Eight Day Cure - 2016**
  - Allows for voters to provide a missing signature.

- **Voter May Authorize Any Person to Deliver VBM Ballot – 2017**
  - Previously voters needed to designate a family member or a person residing in the voter’s household to return the ballot.

- **VBM Ballot May be Delivered to Any County in the State - 2017**
  - County elections official shall forward the ballot to the county in which the ballot was issued no later than eight days after receipt.

- **California Voters Choice Act (SB 450) - 2017**
  - Provides for fourteen counties to opt in for a program to go 100% VBM, with VBM drop boxes and early vote centers.
Vote By Mail Improvements

- Mail a ballot to every registered voter.
- Vote by Mail Drop Boxes.
- UOCAVA – allow ballots to be returned by email.
- Pay for return postage on all VBM.
- Provide for ballots to be delivered online so that voters with a disability can mark their ballot on their computer and have the ballot mailed to the elections office.
- Track the ballot – voters want to know that their ballot has been received and will be counted.
- Work to improve voter education of the VBM process.