



California and the Laws that Divide Part 3: And the Beat Goes On

As this continuing article series will make painfully clear, many of the election laws passed by the California legislature over the past 25 years have created what EIPCa challenges as an unconstitutional election system.

- No longer can California citizens be confident that elections are fair, honest, transparent and valid.
- No longer can we be assured that our precious vote was not compromised by lack of chain of custody or faulty, error and manipulation-prone processes.
- No longer can we know with any certainty that our voice was not silenced or diluted by votes illegally cast and counted.
- There is nothing other than “**trust but do not verify**” policies in place to protect legitimate citizens’ votes from those fraudulently submitted by names on the voter rolls who are deceased or relocated.

And yet...our busy legislature is not satisfied. They continue to propose and pass laws that will make the election process go from incredibly bad to worse.

Consider the following three bills, currently before the legislature and all being **strongly opposed by EIPCa**.

AB 2050 - A second attempt to connect California to the ERIC system.

The **E**lectronic **R**egistration **I**nformation **S**ystem (ERIC) purports to be the answer to ensuring that the state’s voter rolls are free from deceased individuals and people who have become recently registered in another state.

Although ERIC is officially a non-partisan organization, ERIC and its founder/directors operate from a political ideology that is highly biased in one direction. That bias permeates the ERIC contract and the way the organization operates.

In reality, the main focus of ERIC is to ensure every unregistered resident of the state of voting age becomes registered via an aggressive state outreach effort, with NO regard to citizenship or other eligibility requirements.

In fact, the ERIC contract forbids the transfer of citizenship information.

Instead of generating the accurately maintained voter rolls required by federal law, following the dictates of ERIC will make our rolls even more inaccurate and bloated.

ERIC claims to be secure and protective of all data.

In fact, ten states have withdrawn their ERIC membership over concerns of data privacy.

The ERIC contract requires the DMV and every other public service agency to **upload their complete files** (all sensitive and private information, minus citizenship status) to ERIC every 90 days.

ERIC then shares that information with a third organization (CEIR), which runs the data and produces the “reports”.

CEIR was founded by the same individual as ERIC and operates with the same political ideological bias.

To learn more about ERIC and why EIPCa opposes AB 2050, read our opposition letter.

AB 2627 - Creation of an elaborate and expensive education and outreach program in high schools and colleges/universities.

While civic education and participation are vital for a thriving Republic (reminder: we are NOT a democracy), the sad reality is that California is broke.

Solvent (at least on paper) just a year or two ago, **California has mismanaged its budget**, in part by using one-time federal grant monies to initiate programs requiring ongoing funding.

As a result, California is now facing a 25-BILLION-dollar deficit.

AB 2627 is not affordable at the current time.

EIPCa is urging the legislature to

- show an understanding of our economic reality,
- pare down the legislative wish list to what absolutely must be done immediately,
- determine what can be accomplished more inexpensively,
- enact only what can be reasonably and responsibly funded.

After all, Californians are being forced to tighten our household budgets in this economic environment due to our state’s (and our nation’s) fiscal irresponsibility. **We expect the same of our government.**

For a more thorough understanding of our reasoning, read EIPCa’s letter of opposition.

SB 929 - Mandating that the Secretary of State (SOS) determine who is and who is not eligible to run for the office of President of the United States vis-à-vis the Fourteenth Amendment, and remove from the state ballot anyone the SOS unilaterally deems ineligible.

**This is clearly an overtly partisan bill.
It is also unconstitutional!**

It flies in the face of the recent Supreme Court ruling that **only Congress** has the authority to **adjudicate under the Fourteenth Amendment** who qualifies to appear on the ballot as a candidate for President.

For more, read EIPCa's letter of opposition.

California citizens can help determine whether these bills and others become law.

- You can begin now contacting your state representatives and expressing your opinion regarding these and other bills. When our voice is loud enough they actually do listen.
- You can receive EIPCa's future **calls to action** and use our Legislative Position Papers to help you formulate your messages to your California representatives.

Because the legislature has suspended the opportunity for citizens to participate remotely via phone in committee hearings, it is vital that we call committee members BEFORE hearings as well as before floor votes.

- By using the information in our alerts, you can become a source of information to those around you. Once Californians become aware of what has been and is still being done to us, our opposition will become a loud enough voice to turn things around.
- And you can support EIPCa's federal lawsuit that challenges the constitutionality of 25 years of election legislation madness.

Please continue to support EIPCa as the lawsuit progresses.

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