

# Let the counties decide. Please vote **NO** on **AB 969**.

## Here's why:

AB 969 is **not needed** to ensure compliance with federal laws.

**Neither the HAVA nor the ADA require** that states or counties purchase and use computerized voting systems to cast or tally votes. Neither the HAVA nor the ADA ban a manual tally of votes.

**Existing election laws and regulations have been historically sufficient** to guide elections officials in the manual tally of votes.

AB 969 should **not** be passed as an "Urgency Statute".

AB 969:

- is **NOT** "necessary for immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety".
- would **add new duties** to both the Secretary of State and Elections Officials.
- would create a **guaranteed market** for the few corporations manufacturing computerized voting systems.

Counties have already proven that they can conduct manual tallies successfully and accurately.

The **1% Manual Tally**, conducted with every election, has proven that election officials can direct staff to tally tens of thousands of ballots **accurately in less than 2 weeks**.

Shasta County Supervisors made a decision to switch to hand-counting of votes based on the **voices of their constituents**, in keeping with our constitutionally-guaranteed right to a republican form of government.

Mandating from the top-down that all counties purchase and utilize computerized voting systems to cast and tally votes is **contrary to Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution**, which guarantees that the people are the source of political power, not the other way around.

This guarantee is echoed in our State Constitution, Article II, Section 1: "All political power is inherent in the people . . ."