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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #19034

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Robbie Anderson
Elections Counsel

RE: Voter Registration: Using Provisional Ballot Envelope as an Affidavit of Registration

Effective January 1, 2019, county elections officials may use a provisional ballot envelope as an affidavit of registration. In 2018, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1171 into law as Chapter 113 of the Statutes of 2018.

Senate Bill 1171 added Elections Code section 2160 and amended Section 2162 to specifically allow a provisional ballot envelope to be used as an affidavit of registration if the provisional ballot envelope “sets forth facts necessary to establish the voter as an elector and that contains all of the information required by Sections 2150 and 2151.” In addition, the provisional ballot envelope must include an affidavit number.

In the event your county will be using provisional ballots as affidavits of registration during an election, Section 2160(b)(3) requires that you notify the Secretary of State of that fact no later than the 15th day before that election. You may provide such notification to Nick Weis at nweis@sos.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at aanderso@sos.ca.gov or (916) 657-2166. Thank you.