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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #21024

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Jana M. Lean  
Chief, Elections Division

RE: Elections: Signing of Senate Bill (SB) 29

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 29](#) (Chapter 3 of the Statutes of 2021) was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on Friday, February 19, 2021. SB 29 amends Elections Code sections 3000.5 and 3019.7, contains an urgency clause, and applies to any election proclaimed or conducted prior to January 1, 2022.

SB 29 requires that a "county elections official shall, no later than 29 days before the day of the election, begin mailing the materials specified in Section 3010 to every registered voter in the county." The bill further specifies that the mailing of ballots to registered voters in the county "does not prevent a voter from voting in person at a polling place, vote center, or other authorized location."

It is important to note that SB 29 does NOT reduce any in-person voting opportunities; accordingly, county elections officials must maintain polling places and vote centers as are otherwise required.

Lastly, SB 29 requires county elections officials to use the Secretary of State's vote-by-mail ballot tracking system, BallotTrax (unless the county uses a system that meets or exceeds the level of service provided by BallotTrax).

The text of SB 29 can be found at:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB29&showamends=false](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB29&showamends=false).

For BallotTrax related questions, please contact Ryan Reece at [rreece@sos.ca.gov](mailto:rreece@sos.ca.gov).

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Thank you.