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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #26089

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Robbie Anderson
Elections Counsel

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

This memorandum is being sent as a reminder regarding the use of provisional ballot envelopes as affidavits of registration.

Elections Code sections 2160 and 2162 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. The provisional ballot envelope must also 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 VRC-VNC@sos.ca.gov.

Please contact our office at VRC-VNC@sos.ca.gov or (916) 695-1561 if you have any questions.