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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 19119

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

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

RE: Presidential Primary: Electronic and Telephone Cross-Over Ballot Requests

We have received several inquiries with respect to a previous CCROV (#16118, April 8, 2016) which provided guidance regarding whether a No Party Preference (NPP) voter may request a cross-over ballot electronically and/or over the telephone.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Elections Code was amended by Assembly Bill 837 (Chapter 819 of the Statutes of 2017) to add, amongst other provisions, Section 13502, which provides that an NPP voter may request a cross-over ballot using one of the following methods:

- By vote-by-mail ballot application pursuant to Section 3006(c)
- By telephone pursuant to Section 3007.8
- Over the internet if available pursuant to Section 3007.7
- By email or facsimile transmission, if permitted by the county elections official

For cross-over ballot requests that occur telephonically or electronically (pursuant to Section 3007.5 or 3007.7), the NPP voter does not need to personally affix the name of the party for whom they are requesting a ballot.

Additionally, for any cross-over ballot request contained in a vote-by-mail ballot application, over the internet, by email, or facsimile transmission, the county elections official shall accept the request if the NPP voter's choice of which party's ballot they are requesting is clearly indicated (including via a checkbox).

If you have any questions, please contact Robbie Anderson at [aanderso@sos.ca.gov](mailto:aanderso@sos.ca.gov) or (916) 657-2166. Thank you.