



## New Mandates

### Voter Identification Requirements

#### Identification or Proof of Residence

Some voters, who vote either at the polls or by absentee ballot, may be required to provide a current and valid photo identification card, or present a current document such as a:

- ▶ utility bill,
- ▶ bank statement,
- ▶ government check,
- ▶ paycheck, or
- ▶ other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

#### Some voters may be required to present ID at the polls

California elections officials are very concerned about this. What happens, for example, when one voter is asked for ID, but the next is not? Will this have a chilling effect on voter turn-out? Can poll workers be trained to handle this difficult situation? Are there other ways to mitigate the impact?

#### Some voters who register by mail may be required to mail-in a copy of their ID

- ▶ Some voters who register by mail may be required to provide proof of residency, either when they register or at the polls, or their vote will not be counted.
- ▶ This will result in extra work for elections officials and frustration for voters.
- ▶ Again, what steps can we take to mitigate negatives?

#### Some voters who vote absentee may be required to include a copy of their ID

- ▶ Some absentee voters may be required to include a copy of their ID with their ballot or the ballot will not be counted
- ▶ The challenge will be to implement this without creating a new deterrent

**With a sophisticated statewide voter registration system, it may be possible to mitigate the impact of this new requirement.**