



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: SB 1510 - A

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### SUMMARY

Clarifies timing for filing statement of contribution or expenditure.

Permits nonaffiliated elector to make request for major party primary ballot electronically, in person or by mail.

Permits candidate who acts as own treasurer, or treasurer of principal campaign committee, political committee or petition committee, to provide initial information regarding bank account up to five business days after filing statement of organization.

Extends time frames for filing officer duties regarding write-in candidates.

Ends requirement that Secretary of State conduct random ordering of letters of alphabet for ballots with only one candidate.

Resolves conflict in definition of "independent expenditure."

Limits at 2,000 number of signatures that may be included on prospective petition to initiate state measure.

Clarifies obligation of Secretary of State to include final certified ballot title on official template cover and signature sheets of initiative petition.

Exempts filing officer from obligation to reprint ballots if filing officer determines that candidate has died, withdrawn or is not qualified to hold office less than 61 days before election.

Protects enumerated information in elector's registration file from public disclosure, while requiring other enumerated information in file to be provided in publicly available lists maintained by Secretary of State and county clerks.

Directs Secretary of State to maintain and update list that identifies electors who have and have not cast ballot during election period and make list available each business day during election period.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

### OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure protects the following information in an elector's registration file from public disclosure: the birth month of an elector; the day of the month on which an elector was born; the Social Security number of an elector; the driver license number of an elector; and the signature of an elector. Some of that information likely would have been subject to public disclosure.



The measure also requires that the following information in an elector's registration file be made public, subject to other statutory limitations: the major political party or minor political party, if any, with which an elector is affiliated; the residence address of an elector; the address where an elector receives a ballot; the year in which an elector was born; the name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides; the precinct split of an elector; the administrative number for an elector that is used by the Secretary of State to determine which elections an elector may vote in; the telephone number of an elector; whether or not an elector voted in previous elections; and during an election period, the ballot status of an elector. Some of this information likely would have been exempt from public disclosure.

Some of the information required to be protected under this measure is protected from public disclosure by federal or state law. It is unlikely that those types of records could be made subject to mandatory disclosure. Subjecting the remaining information to mandatory disclosure under public records law could affect the following competing issues: election transparency and legitimacy; privacy; and identity theft prevention.