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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2759

Introduced by Assembly Member Shelley
(Principal coauthor: Senator Romero)

February 25, 2002

An act to add Section 51004.5 to the Education Code, ~~and to add Section 2106.5 to~~, and to repeal and add Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 2245) of Division 2 of, the Elections Code, relating to civic participation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2759, as amended, Shelley. Voter registration.

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that voter registration be maintained at the highest possible level and requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations requiring each county to design and implement programs to identify qualified electors who are not registered voters, and attempt to register those persons to vote.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to encourage schools that require students to perform community service to consider giving students community service credit for participating in elections-related events such as being a poll worker, participating in

mock elections, working voter registration drives, serving in student government organizations, and similar civic functions.

~~This bill would require the Secretary of State to maintain, on the Web site for the Secretary of State’s office, a link to the page of the “Youth Voter Corps” Web site at which a student may access an electronic registration form to join the Youth Voter Corps. It would require the Secretary of State to provide any student that joins the Youth Voter Corps information concerning elections-related activities, including eligibility requirements for voter registration, tips for on-campus voter registration drives, mock elections, and related youth government sites. It would require the Secretary of State to issue and deliver a certificate of membership to any student that joins the Youth Voter Corps.~~

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring the governing board of each school district that maintains grade 12 to adopt specified procedures for the distribution of voter registration cards to high school seniors in the school district who will be graduating that school year.

This bill would make a technical change.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that the Legislature finds there is no mandate contained in the bill that will result in costs incurred by a local agency or school district for a new program or higher level of service which require reimbursement pursuant to these constitutional and statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51004.5 is added to the Education Code,
 2 to read:
 3 51004.5. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage
 4 schools that require students to perform community service to
 5 consider giving students community service credit for
 6 participating in elections-related events such as being a poll
 7 worker, participating in mock elections, working voter



1 registration drives, serving in student government organizations,
2 and similar civic functions.

3 ~~SEC. 2. Section 2106.5 is added to the Elections Code, to~~
4 ~~read:~~

5 ~~2106.5. (a) The Secretary of State shall maintain, on the Web~~
6 ~~site for the Secretary of State's office, a link to the page of the~~
7 ~~"Youth Voter Corps" Web site at which a student may access an~~
8 ~~electronic registration form to join the Youth Voter Corps.~~

9 ~~(b) The Secretary of State shall provide any student that joins~~
10 ~~the Youth Voter Corps information concerning elections-related~~
11 ~~activities, including eligibility requirements for voter registration,~~
12 ~~tips for on-campus voter registration drives, mock elections, and~~
13 ~~related youth government sites.~~

14 ~~(c) The Secretary of State shall issue and deliver a certificate~~
15 ~~of membership to any student that joins the Youth Voter Corps.~~

16 ~~SEC. 3.~~

17 ~~SEC. 2. Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 2245) of~~
18 ~~Division 2 of the Elections Code is repealed.~~

19 ~~SEC. 4.—~~

20 ~~SEC. 3. Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 2245) is added~~
21 ~~to Division 2 of the Elections Code, to read:~~

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23 CHAPTER 4. REGISTRATION OF STUDENT VOTERS

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25 2245. The governing board of each school district that
26 maintains grade 12 shall do all of the following:

27 (a) Annually request from the county elections official a
28 sufficient number of voter registration cards for high school
29 seniors in the school district who will be graduating that school
30 year.

31 (b) Ensure that a voter registration card is distributed to each
32 pupil with his or her diploma.

33 (c) Establish procedures for the proper handling of voter
34 registration cards.

35 (d) Provide a written notice informing each student to whom a
36 voter registration card is distributed of the eligibility requirements
37 under state law, and that he or she may return the completed card
38 in person or by mail to the elections official of the county in which
39 the student resides.

40 ~~SEC. 5.~~



1 *SEC. 4.* Pursuant to Section 17579 of the Government Code,
2 the Legislature finds that there is no mandate contained in this act
3 that will result in costs incurred by a local agency or school district
4 for a new program or higher level of service which require
5 reimbursement pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the
6 California Constitution and Part 7 (commencing with Section
7 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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