

Introduced by Senator Johnson

February 20, 2002

An act to add Section 2207 to the Elections Code, relating to voter registration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1604, as amended, Johnson. Voter registration: cancellation.

Existing law provides a procedure for the registration of voters and the cancellation of voter registration for specified reasons, including proof that the person is otherwise ineligible to vote.

This bill would institute a procedure that would require a county jury commissioner to provide a list or electronic file of names and addresses of each person who returns a jury notice indicating he or she is unable to serve on a jury because he or she is not a United States citizen. It would permit the county elections official to use the list provided by the jury commissioner to compare the names thereon with the county voter file, and to cancel invalid registrations due to noncitizenship. *It would require notification to a voter of the cancellation of registration.*

This bill, by adding to the duties of the county jury commissioner, would impose a state-mandated local program.

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, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these 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 2207 is added to the Elections Code, to
2 read:

3 2207. (a) The county jury commissioner shall notify the
4 county elections official of each person who returns a jury notice
5 indicating he or she is unable to serve on a jury because he or she
6 is not a United States citizen.

7 (b) The notification shall be provided at the request of the
8 county elections official and may be a list or an electronic file that
9 includes only the name and residence address of a person described
10 in subdivision (a).

11 (c) The county elections official may use the list provided by
12 the jury commissioner to compare the names thereon with the
13 county voter file, and to cancel invalid registrations due to
14 noncitizenship.

15 (d) *A county elections official who cancels a registration
16 pursuant to subdivision (c) shall notify the voter whose
17 registration is canceled at least 30 days before this action.
18 Notification shall be in the form of a nonforwardable postcard. All
19 postcards mailed pursuant to this section shall also specify both of
20 the following:*

- 21 (1) *The reason for cancellation of the voter’s registration.*
- 22 (2) *Instructions on how the voter’s registration can be validly
23 reinstated.*

24 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
25 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
26 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
27 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
28 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
29 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
30 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),



- 1 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
- 2 Fund.

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