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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 624

Introduced by Assembly Member Monning

February 25, 2009

An act to amend Section 12223 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 624, as amended, Monning. Elections: ~~voter participation~~. *election precincts*.

~~The California Constitution authorizes any person who is a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the state to vote, subject to certain restrictions, such as the prohibition of voting by individuals then imprisoned. Existing law establishes the requirements for registering to vote and the conduct of elections.~~

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to increase voter participation in statewide elections.~~

~~Existing law requires the boundaries of an election precinct to be fixed so that it contains no more than 1,000 voters on the 88th day prior to the election.~~

~~This bill would authorize a local elections official to subtract permanent vote by mail voters from that total.~~

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. Section 12223 of the Elections Code is amended*
2 *to read:*

3 12223. (a) Whenever a jurisdiction is divided into election
4 precincts or whenever the boundary of an established precinct is
5 changed or a new precinct is created, the precinct boundary shall
6 be fixed in a manner so that the number of voters in the precinct
7 does not exceed 1,000 on the 88th day prior to the day of election,
8 unless otherwise provided by law.

9 (b) ~~This section shall become operative on January 1, 2005. An~~
10 ~~elections official may subtract the number of permanent vote by~~
11 ~~mail voters, pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section~~
12 ~~3200) of Division 3, from the total number of voters for purposes~~
13 ~~of complying with subdivision (a) if after subtracting the number~~
14 ~~of permanent vote by mail voters, the number of voters in the~~
15 ~~precinct does not exceed the percentage of nonpermanent vote by~~
16 ~~mail voters in the jurisdiction on the 88th day prior to the election~~
17 ~~multiplied by 1,000, unless otherwise provided by law.~~

18 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to increase voter~~
19 ~~participation in statewide elections.~~