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## **EIPCa Legislative Alert**

### **AB 544**

Assembly Bill (AB) 544 will be heard in the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee on June 4.

This is a complicated bill, basically mandating a pilot program offering grants to three counties to design and implement a program to improve voter participation in jail facilities.

The original version of this bill would have mandated these programs in all counties, which apparently was seen as a bit ambitious all at once. However, the goal is clearly to expand this program to all “jail facilities” in the state, meaning “city jails, county jails, or any other government facility that houses incarcerated persons.”

Polling Locations are defined in the bill as “a polling place, vote center or other means at the jail that permits an eligible incarcerated person” to do any of the activities offered at polling locations or vote centers.

Eligible incarcerated persons already have the ability to vote by mail, just as all Californians do. Those whose mailing address has not already been updated to reflect the jail facility have access to requesting the delivery of a same-day mail ballot, a service available through the Registrar of Voters.

Enabling eligible voters to exercise their franchise is a laudable goal, but EIPCa sees a large number of concerns and almost impossible-to-accomplish elements with the program proposed in AB 544. **We ask you to read carefully our [letter of opposition](#)** and find the arguments that most resonate with you.

#### **If your Senator serves on the Elections and Constitutional Amendments**

**Committee**, please make a constituent email contact immediately as well as a phone call, urging a NO vote in committee and giving one or two reasons for your opinion.

Members of the committee are: Catherine Blakespear, Janet Nguyen, Benjamin Allen, Caroline Menjivar, Josh Newman, Anthony Portantino and Thomas Umberg,

**If your Senator is not on that committee**, please contact your Senator via email, card or letter, personalizing your message based on which arguments strike you as most important, and urge a NO vote if the bill makes it to a floor vote.

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