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Agenda

August 22, 2017

1:30 p.m. – State Capitol Room 112

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
A.B. 128	Ting	Budget Act of 2017
A.B. 132	Committee on Budget	Elections

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair
2017 - 2018 Regular

Bill No:	AB 128	Hearing Date:	August 22, 2017
Author:	Ting		
Version:	August 21, 2017 As amended		
Urgency:	No	Fiscal:	Yes
Consultant:	Budget Consultants		

Subject: Budget Act of 2017

Summary: This bill makes technical and clarifying changes to the budget act of 2017.

Background: The 2017 Budget Act was enacted into law in June 2017. This bill addresses certain issues that have emerged subsequent to its enactment.

Proposed Law: Makes the following appropriations, clarifications and technical changes:

- 1) Appropriates \$5 million for local assistance for the purpose of reimbursing local governments for recall elections expenses, which are to be paid upon approval by the Department of Finance and notification of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.
 - a. Up to \$1 million is to be used for county signature verification and withdrawal expenses.
 - b. Up to \$4 million is to be used for county recall expenses.
- 2) Adds language to clarify that funding provided for the After School Education and Safety Program is to be used to increase per pupil rates and maximum grant amounts.
- 3) Adjusts funding amounts for a variety of K-12 education-related programs to reflect changes in federal grant award amounts.
- 4) Extends the authority for the liquidation of funds for ongoing capital outlay projects at the Riverside School for the Deaf through June 30, 2020.
- 5) Revises provisional authority to augment the Department of Health Care Services' budget by \$2.5 million General Fund to implement a third-party liability and recovery debt collection system. The previous provisional language referred to a specific product, Advantage Collections Application, which the Administration intended to implement on a non-contract basis. The Administration reports it will now solicit competitive bids for implementation of this module.

- 6) Makes minor technical corrections to implement the budgetary requirements of SB 1 (Beall), Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017, and the Department of Motor Vehicle's Front End Applications Sustainability Project.
- 7) Corrects other minor technical provisions in the 2017-18 budget.

Fiscal Effect: In combination with budget reversions contained in AB 132, results in minor fiscal impacts.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair
2017 - 2018 Regular

Bill No: AB 132 **Hearing Date:** August 22, 2017
Author: Committee on Budget
Version: August 21, 2017 As amended
Urgency: No **Fiscal:** No
Consultant: Renita Polk

Subject: Elections

Summary: This measure makes various statutory changes necessary to implement the state administration-related provisions of the Budget Act of 2017.

Background: Assembly Bill 132 makes various statutory changes to implement the 2017-18 budget.

Proposed Law: AB 132 makes the following statutory changes to implement the 2017-18 budget:

- 1) Allows the Secretary of State to contract with any qualified person or organization to prepare a statutorily required report on the outcomes of all-mailed ballot elections, and appropriates \$100,000 for this purpose.
- 2) Appropriates \$250,000 to the Secretary of State for voter outreach and education.
- 3) Repeals a \$5,000,000 appropriation to the Department of Finance.
- 4) Repeals changes to recall petition procedures made by Senate Bill 96, Chapter 28, Statutes of 2017, and reenacts certain provisions from SB 96:
 - a. Would require the Secretary of State to notify all county elections officials that a petition received a sufficient number of signatures to initiate a recall election. After this notice has been provided, the bill would provide for a period of 30 business days in which voters who signed the petition may withdraw their signatures. Within 10 business days after this period ends the elections officials must report to the Secretary of State the total number of withdrawn signatures.
 - b. Would require the Department of Finance to estimate costs of recall elections within 30 days of receipt of the Secretary of State's notice of sufficient signatures, and submission of that estimate to the Governor, Secretary of State, and Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC). Allows a 30 day period for the JLBC to review and comment on this information.

- c. Authorizes the Department of Finance to direct the State Controller to remit specified costs of conducting recall elections to specified counties but only after the time period for JLBC review has ended.
- d. Requires elections officials to submit to the Secretary of State specified information 30 days after a recall has been initiated and every 30 days thereafter.
- e. Repeals provisions that allow for the use of random sampling as a method of verifying signatures for a recall petition.

Fiscal Effect: The funding related to the changes in this bill is contained in the budget bill (Assembly Bill 128). In addition, this measure includes a total appropriation of \$350,000 to the Secretary of State.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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