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## **Secretary of State Kevin Shelley's Clean Campaign Legislation *Passes Senate Floor***

SACRAMENTO—Clean campaign legislation, sponsored by California Secretary of State Kevin Shelley, encouraging candidates to talk about issues instead of untruths and distortions passed the Senate Floor yesterday on a unanimous 37 to 0 vote.

“Last November, voter turn-out hit an all-time low in California, and only half of registered voters made it to the polls,” said Secretary Shelley. “Barraging the electorate with negative campaign messages is a contributing factor to why voters stay home on Election Day.”

Senate Bill 724, authored by Senator Jack Scott, authorizes Secretary Shelley to post the names of candidates for state and federal offices who have voluntarily subscribed the Code of Fair Campaign Practices on the Secretary of State's Website.

“Posting the names of candidates on the Internet who pledge to run a clean campaign is a strong incentive for politicians to give voters information they need, not the mean spiritedness they despise,” Shelley concluded.

Existing law requires subscribers to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices to follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that voters can exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices. SB 724 is one of a package of bills sponsored by Secretary Shelley to restore voter confidence in the electoral process.

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