

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

(Government Code section 11346.3(b))

The proposed changes add a new chapter; Chapter 6.1 entitled Certification of Voting Systems, sections 20700 through 20707 of Division 7 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations in order to:

1. Establish the specifications for voting machines, voting devices, vote tabulating devices, and any software used for each, including the programs and procedures for vote tabulating and testing. The proposed regulations would implement, interpret and make specific Section 19205 of the California Elections Code.
2. Clarify requirements imposed by recently chaptered Senate Bill 360, Chapter 602, Statutes 2013, which amended California Elections Code Division 19 regarding the certification of voting systems.
3. Clarify the newly defined voting system certification process, as prescribed in Senate Bill 360.

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.3(b), the Secretary of State has made the following assessments regarding the proposed regulation:

Creation or Elimination of Jobs within the State of California

The proposed regulatory additions create standards to which the voting systems seeking certification will be tested. The Secretary of State currently has an Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment that conducts such testing. Accordingly, no jobs in California will be created or eliminated.

Creation of New or Elimination of Existing Businesses within the State of California

The Secretary of State currently has an Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment that conducts voting system certification testing. Accordingly, no new businesses in California will be created or existing businesses eliminated.

Expansion of Businesses or Elimination of Existing Businesses within the State of California

The Secretary of State currently has an Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment that conducts voting system certification testing. Accordingly, no existing business in California will be expanded or existing businesses eliminated.

Benefits of the Regulations

By adding the Voting System Certification regulations, an applicant seeking voting system certification will have a more defined and clear path to receiving

such certification of the applicant's voting system for use in California. Further, these Performance Standards ensure the accuracy, security and reliability of the voting systems in California.