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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Lauds Signing of Key Election Reform Legislation

AB 177 (Oropeza), SB 610 (Escutia) Signed by Governor

SAN FRANCISCO---Two key election-reform measures sponsored by Secretary of State Kevin Shelley were signed into law this week by the governor. The bills provide additional training and information for poll workers to better perform their responsibilities and establish a "Voter Bill of Rights."

"When I was elected, I pledged to do all in my power to ensure accurate and fair elections to serve an informed electorate. Poll workers must be properly trained, and California voters must be made aware of their rights. These new laws go a long way toward achieving these goals," said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

AB 177 (Oropeza) requires the Secretary of State to post a "Voter Bill of Rights" at all polling places and in the Voter Information Guide that is provided to California voters. SB 610 (Escutia) establishes statewide standards for poll worker training to ensure accurate and efficient elections, as well as increase the number of allowable student poll workers per precinct from two to five students.

The new laws go into effect on January 1, 2004.

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