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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Urges Legislature to Reimburse Counties for the Cost of the Special Election

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Bruce McPherson issued the following statement urging the Legislature to pass AB1634 (McCarthy):

“I strongly urge the Legislature to pass AB 1634 (McCarthy) before the end of session this week. This bill would provide over \$38 million dollars in relief to county governments for costs incurred during the Special Election.

“Immediate action on AB 1634 is necessary as there are only two days left in the 2005-2006 Legislative Session and this measure is still in the Senate Appropriations Committee on its suspense file.

“The Legislature has the opportunity to fully reimburse counties for the cost of last year’s Special Election with no impact on current or future state budgets since the money has already been identified for this purpose in the 2005-2006 budget.

“California’s counties can and should be made whole with passage of AB 1634; it would eliminate the potential need to cut other essential services counties provide, such as public safety, infrastructure needs and healthcare.

“I call on the Senate Appropriations Committee to pass this important measure, send it to the full Senate and Assembly and send much needed and overdue funding to our counties. With only a few days left, the Legislature must act now.”

Attachments: Letter to Legislative Leadership (8/25/2006)
Statement by Secretary McPherson (8/7/2006)

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August 25, 2006

The Honorable Don Perata
Senate President pro Tempore
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The Honorable Dick Ackerman
Senate Republican Leader
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The Honorable Fabian Núñez
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol
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The Honorable George Plescia
Assembly Republican Leader
State Capitol
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RE: Assembly Bill 1634 (McCarthy) Special Election County Reimbursement

Dear Legislative Leaders:

It is critical that the Legislature act before Session ends on August 31st to reimburse counties for the November 2005 Special Election. Counties throughout the state have been struggling to cover their costs associated with conducting the 2005 special election and, just two months ago, incurred expenses for conducting the June 2006 Primary Election. Counties desperately need to be reimbursed before incurring additional expenses associated with the upcoming November 2006 General Election.

I am sponsoring Assembly Bill 1634 by Assemblyman McCarthy, which would provide more than \$38 million in much needed funding relief, to reimburse all 58 counties for the costs to conduct the first of the two statewide elections in the just concluded fiscal year. So far, counties have only received funding for the recent June Primary Election.

When the Special Election was called, I recommended that the language in the proclamation include a provision for full reimbursement to the counties for their actual costs of conducting the election. AB 1634 would reimburse counties for the actual costs they incurred conducting the November 2005 Special Election.

Immediate action on AB 1634 is necessary as there is less than one week left in the 2005-2006 Legislative Session and this measure is still in the Senate Appropriations Committee on its suspense file.

AB 1634 has the support of 36 large and small counties throughout the state, the California State Association of Counties, the Regional Council of Rural Counties, and the Urban Counties Caucus.

If you or your staff have any further questions, please contact me or my Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative and Constituent Affairs, Theresa Taylor Carroll at (916) 653-6774.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce McPherson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "M".

BRUCE McPHERSON
Secretary of State

cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State of California



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, August 7, 2006

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Statement by Secretary of State Bruce McPherson

“Today, as the Legislature reconvenes after its summer recess, one of their top priorities should be to reimburse the counties for costs accrued during the 2005 Special Statewide Election.

“I am sponsoring Assembly Bill 1634 by Assemblyman McCarthy, which would provide more than \$38 million in needed funding relief to fully reimburse counties.

“When the Special Election was called, I recommended that the language in the proclamation include a provision for full reimbursement to the counties for their actual costs to conduct the election. Allocating these necessary funds will have no effect on current or future state budgets, as the funds to reimburse all 58 counties were identified in the 2005-2006 budget. AB 1634 provides California counties more than \$38 million for their Special Election costs.

“It is imperative that California's counties be made whole with passage of AB 1634, to eliminate potential need to cut other essential services they provide, such as public safety, infrastructure needs and healthcare.

“I call upon the Legislature and the Governor to work together to pass AB 1634 this month and send much needed and overdue funding to our counties.”

[Click here to see how much each of California 's 58 counties will receive with passage of AB 1634](#)