



California Statewide Innovations

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Topics

- California Voter's Choice Act
- California New Motor Voter Program



Voter's Choice Act (VCA)



- The California Voter's Choice Act as passed in 2016 to:
 - Modernize elections in California
 - Allow counties to conduct elections under a new model
 - Provide greater flexibility and convenience for voters
- Under the VCA every registered voter in participating counties would be mailed a ballot.
- Traditional polling places will be replaced by vote centers where voters will have the freedom to cast a ballot in-person at any vote center in their county instead of being tied to a single polling location.



VCA Key Elements



This new election model allows voters to choose how, when, and where to cast their ballot by:

- Mailing every voter a ballot
- Expanding in-person early voting
- Allowing voters to cast a ballot at any vote center within their county



VCA Key Elements



Vote Centers look and feel like polling places, but provide additional modern features to make voting easy and convenient.

- At any vote center in a participating county, a voter may:
 - Vote in-person
 - Drop off their ballot
 - Get a replacement ballot
 - Vote using an accessible voting machine
 - Get help and voting material in multiple languages
 - Register to vote or update their voter registration



VCA Key Elements



Ballot Drop-Off Locations

- Starting 28 days before Election Day there would be at least one drop-off location for every 15,000 registered voters.
- Ballot drop-off locations provide voters with an additional way to return their ballot postage free.
- Drop-off locations must be secure, accessible to voters with disabilities, and located as near as possible to public transportation routes.



Other VCA Requirements

- Minimum of **3** accessible voting machines at each vote center
- Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)
- Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)
- Accessible Vote by Mail
- Access to voter database
- Election Administrative Plans



County Example



Sacramento County Minimum Requirements

- 11 Day Vote Centers: **16**
- 4 Day Vote Centers: **64**
- Total Vote Centers: **80**
- 28 Day Ballot Drop-off Sites: **52**
- Mobile Vote Centers: **Depends on Community**



New Motor Voter – Opt out



There will be several changes for the process at DMV

Electronic

- New web-based “electronic driver license” form, electronic DL44
- DMV “online renewal by mail” information will be fed directly to COVR

Paper

- Renewal by mail form will now contain voter registration information
- Change of address form will now contain voter registration information



New Motor Voter – Draft Opt Out Language



5. Voter Registration – FOR U.S. CITIZENS ONLY.

State law requires eligible citizens be automatically registered to vote, unless they choose not to in this section.

5a. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

➤ If you answered “No,” you cannot register to vote. Skip to Section 7.

Voter Registration Requirements

If you answer “YES” to all of the voter registration requirements listed below, you can register to vote:

- I am a United States citizen
- My residence address is in California
- I am at least 18 years old
- I am not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- I am not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

5b. Do you meet ALL of the voter registration requirements listed above? Yes No

- If you answered “No,” you cannot register to vote. Skip to Section 7.
- If you answered “Yes” in 5a and 5b, you will be registered to vote. You can choose not to register by checking box 5c.

5c. I am eligible, but I do **not** want to register to vote or update my voter registration information. Skip to Section

- Do not check this box if you want to register to vote or update your voter registration information. Continue to Section 6.



Thank you

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