



March 10, 2021

Senate Committee on Elections and
Constitutional Amendments

SB 504. Elections: voter registration

State Capitol, Room 2203
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUPPORT; AMENDMENT REQUESTED

Esteemed Committee Members,

Election Integrity Project *California*, Inc. (EIPCa) **Supports SB 504**, Elections: voter registration, as written and amended as of 9:00 pm on March 9, 2021, but encourages further amendment.

SB 504 extends to military and overseas voters the same right of conditional registration provided to other California voters, thus fulfilling the intent of the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

SB 504 also facilitates the timely flow of information regarding imprisoned and paroled individuals in order to effectuate the county elections officials' ability to adhere to the laws regarding the said individuals' voting rights as outlined in California law.

But EIPCa would note that while it is right to exculpate county elections officials for errors resulting from incorrect information provided by the Secretary of State, the bill should be strengthened by mandating specific consequences to be imposed on the latter's office in the event it fails in its responsibilities and provides erroneous information to county officials. Transparent accountability encourages competence, while engendering the public's trust.

EIPCa encourages an SOS accountability amendment to **SB 504**, followed by a YES vote.

Thank you. Should further information be required, I may be contacted at 619-820-5175.

Yours very truly,

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