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VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

You have the right to cast a ballot if you are a valid registered voter.

A valid registered voter means a United States citizen who is a resident in this state, who is at least 18 years of age and not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and who is registered to vote at his or her current residence address.

You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not listed on the voting rolls.

You have the right to cast a ballot if you are present and in line at the polling place prior to the close of the polls.

You have the right to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation.

You have the right to receive a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake.

If at any time before you finally cast your ballot, you feel you have made a mistake, you have the right to exchange the spoiled ballot for a new ballot. Vote by mail voters may also request and receive a new ballot if they return their spoiled ballot to an elections official prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.

You have the right to receive assistance in casting your ballot, if you are unable to vote without assistance.

You have the right to return a completed vote by mail ballot to any precinct in the county.

You have the right to election materials in another language, if there are sufficient residents in your precinct to warrant production.

You have the right to ask questions about election procedures and observe the election process.

You have the right to ask questions of the precinct board and elections officials regarding election procedures and to receive an answer or be directed to the appropriate official for an answer. However, if persistent questioning disrupts the execution of their duties, the board or election officials may discontinue responding to questions.

You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent activity to a local elections official or to the Secretary of State's office.

The Voter Bill of Rights shall be made available to the public before each election and on Election Day, at a minimum, as follows: (1) Printed in the statewide voter pamphlet, pursuant to Section 9084; and (2) Posters or other printed materials containing the Voter Bill of Rights shall be included in precinct supplies pursuant to Section 14105.

(Cal. Elections Code § 2300)

SECRET VOTING

Voting shall be secret. (Cal. Const., Art. II § 7)

After his or her ballot is marked, a voter shall not show it to any person in such a way as to reveal its contents. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 14276, 14291)

It is a felony to interfere or attempt to interfere with the secrecy of voting. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18564(b))

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for any person other than an elections official or a member of the precinct board to examine or solicit a voter to show his or her voted ballot. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18403)

No person lawfully assisting a voter shall divulge any information regarding the marking of the ballot. (Cal. Elec. Code § 14282(b))

It is a misdemeanor for any member of a precinct board who, prior to putting the ballot of a voter in the ballot box, attempts to find out any name on the ballot. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18562(a))
It is a misdemeanor for any member of a precinct board who, prior to putting the ballot of a voter in the ballot box, opens or suffers to be opened or examined the folded ballot of any voter which has been handed in. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18562(b))

It is a misdemeanor for any member of a precinct board to, without the consent of a voter, disclose the name of any candidate the board member has discovered in his capacity as a member of the board to have been voted for by the voter. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18563)

It is a misdemeanor for any member of a precinct board who, prior to putting the ballot of a voter in the ballot box, makes or places any mark or device on any folded ballot with a view to ascertaining the name of any person for whom the voter has voted. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18562(c))

A member of the public is guilty of a misdemeanor if, while observing the processing of vote by mail ballots, the semifinal official canvass, the official canvass, or a recount, he or she willfully engages any of the following conduct:

(1) Attempts to ascertain the identity and ballot choices of a voter, or having observed or learned the identity of a voter, attempts to ascertain the ballot choices of that voter.

(2) Opens a provisional or vote by mail ballot envelope containing a voted ballot in order to ascertain the voter's ballot choices.

(3) Makes or places a mark or device on a ballot or secrecy envelope in an attempt to ascertain the voter's ballot choices.

(Cal. Elec. Code § 18562.5)

VOTING MACHINES

It is a felony to tamper with, interfere with, or attempt to interfere with, the correct operation of, or willfully damage in order to prevent the use of, any voting machine, voting device, voting system, vote tabulating device, or ballot tally software program source codes. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18564(a))

It is a felony to interfere or attempt to interfere with ballot tally software program source codes. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18564(b))

It is a felony to knowingly, and without authorization, make or have in his or her possession a key to a voting machine that has been adopted and will be used in elections in this state. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18564(c))

It is a felony to willfully substitute or attempt to substitute forged or counterfeit ballot tally software program source codes. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18564(d))

OBTAINING/ RETURNING BALLOTS

A voter shall not receive a ballot from any person other than one of the precinct officers. No person other than a precinct officer or officer authorized by law shall deliver a ballot to any voter. (Cal. Elec. Code § 14280)

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for any person other than an elections official or a member of the precinct board to receive a voted ballot from a voter. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18403) This does not include circumstances when a vote by mail voter who, because of illness or other physical disability, is unable to return a ballot (Cal. Elec. Code § 3017), or when a voter declares under oath – administered by any member of the precinct board at the time the voter appears at the polling place to vote – that the voter is then unable to mark a ballot. (Cal. Elec. Code § 14282(a))

It is a misdemeanor for a person to willfully interfere with the prompt delivery of a completed vote by mail ballot application. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18576)

It is a misdemeanor for a person to retain a completed vote by mail ballot application, without the voter's authorization, for more than three days excluding weekends and state holidays, or by the deadline for return of vote by mail ballot applications, whichever is earlier. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18576)

It is a misdemeanor for a person to deny an applicant the right to return his or her own completed vote by mail ballot application to the local elections official having jurisdiction over the election. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18576)

It is a misdemeanor if a person having charge of a completed vote by mail ballot willfully interferes with or causes interference with its return to the local elections official having jurisdiction over the election. (Cal. Elec. Code § 8577)

It is a felony to aid in wrongfully placing any ballots in the ballot container or in taking any therefrom. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18568(b)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a felony to add or attempt to add any ballots to those legally polled at any election by fraudulently putting them into the ballot container, either before or after the ballots therein have been counted. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18568(c)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a felony to add to or mix with, or attempt to add to or mix with, the ballots polled, any other ballots, while they are being counted or canvassed or at any other time, with intent to change the result of the election, or allows another to do so, when in his or her power to prevent it. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18568(d)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a felony to carry away or destroy, attempt to carry away or destroy, or knowingly allow another to carry away or destroy, any ballot container or ballots lawfully polled. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18568(e)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a felony to remove any unvoted ballots from the polling place before the completion of the ballot count. It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 18568(f) and 18569)

NO SOLICITING OR ELECTIONEERING WHILE IN THE PRESENCE OF A VOTE BY MAIL VOTER

It is a misdemeanor for a candidate or representative of a candidate, or a proponent, opponent, or representative of a proponent or opponent, of an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or of a charter amendment, to solicit the vote of a vote by mail voter, or do any electioneering, while in the residence or in the immediate presence of the voter, and during the time he or she knows the vote by mail voter is voting. (Cal. Elec. Code §18371)

NO ELECTIONEERING WITHIN A SPECIFIC DISTANCE OF THE POLLING PLACE

Electioneering defined: the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a polling place, an elections official's office, or a satellite location under Section 3018. Prohibited electioneering information includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(a) A display of a candidate's name, likeness, or logo.

(b) A display of a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo.

(c) Buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, or stickers containing electioneering information.

(d) Dissemination of audible electioneering information.

(Cal. Elec. Code § 319.5)

It is a misdemeanor for a person to, on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, within 100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official's office:

(a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.

(b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.

(c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.

(d) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.

(e) As used in this section, "100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official's office" means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

(Cal. Elec. Code § 18370)

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for a person to, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet of a polling place, do any of the following:

(1) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.

(2) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.

(3) Photograph, video record, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18541)

NO PAYMENT/ REWARD/ THREAT/ FORCE / COERCION TO OBTAIN VOTE

It is a felony to make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18540(a))

It is a felony to hire or arrange for any other person to make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18540(b))

It is a felony for a person to directly or through any other person receive, agree, or contract for, before, during or after an election, any money, gift, loan, or other valuable consideration, office, place, or employment for himself or any other person because he or any other person:

(a) Voted, agreed to vote, refrained from voting, or agreed to refrain from voting for any particular person or measure.

(b) Remained away from the polls.

(c) Refrained or agreed to refrain from voting.

(d) Induced any other person to:

(1) Remain away from the polls.

(2) Refrain from voting.

(3) Vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure.

(Cal. Elec. Code § 18521)

It is a felony for a person or a controlled committee to directly or through any other person or controlled committee pay, lend, or contribute, or offer or promise to pay, lend, or contribute, any money or other valuable consideration to or for any voter or to or for any other person to:

(a) Induce any voter to:

(1) Refrain from voting at any election.

(2) Vote or refrain from voting at an election for any particular person or measure.

(3) Remain away from the polls at an election.

(b) Reward any voter for having:

(1) Refrained from voting.

(2) Voted for any particular person or measure.

(3) Refrained from voting for any particular person or measure.

(4) Remained away from the polls at an election.

(Cal. Elec. Code § 18522)

It is a felony to directly or through another person give, offer, or promise any office, place, or employment, or promise to procure or endeavor to procure any office, place, or employment to or for any voter, or to or for any other person, in order to induce that voter at any election to:

(a) Refrain from voting.

(b) Vote for any particular person.

(c) Refrain from voting for any particular person.

(Cal. Elec. Code § 18520)

It is a felony to directly or through any other person advance or pay, or cause to be paid, any money or other valuable thing to or for the use of any other person, with the intent that it, or any part thereof, will be used for boarding, lodging, or maintaining a person at any place or domicile in any election precinct, ward, or district, with intent to secure the vote of that person or to induce that person to vote for any particular person or measure. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18524)

Every employer, whether a corporation or natural person, or any other person who employs, is guilty of a misdemeanor if, in paying his or her employees the salary or wages due them, encloses their pay in pay envelopes upon which or in which there is written or printed the name of any candidate or any political mottoes, devices, or arguments containing threats, express or implied, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of the employees. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18542)

It is a misdemeanor for a person who is providing care or direct supervision to an elder in a state-licensed or state-subsidized facility or program to coerce or deceive the elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to the elder's intent or in the absence of any intent of the elder to cast a vote for or against that candidate or measure. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18573.5(a))

It is a felony for a person to directly or through any other person advance or pay, or cause to be paid, any money or other valuable thing to or for the use of any other person, with the intent that it, or any part thereof, shall be used in bribery at any election, or knowingly pay or cause to be paid any money or other valuable thing to any person in discharge or repayment of any money, wholly or in part, expended in bribery at any election. (Cal. Elec. Code § 8523)

It is a misdemeanor for a person to directly or through any other person pay, lend, or contribute or offer or promise to pay, lend, or contribute, any money or other valuable consideration to or for any voter or to or for any other person to:

(1) Induce any person to:
    - (A) Vote at any municipal election;
    - (B) Refrain from voting at any municipal election;
    - (C) Vote or refrain from voting at a municipal election for or against any particular person or measure; or
    - (D) Remain away from the polls during a municipal election; or

(2) Reward any person for having:
    - (A) Voted at any municipal election;
    - (B) Refrained from voting at any municipal election;
    - (C) Voted or refrained from voting at a municipal election for or against any particular person or measure; or
    - (D) Remained away from the polls during a municipal election.

(San Francisco Municipal Elec. Code § 970(a))

It is a misdemeanor a person to directly or through any other person solicit, accept, receive, agree to accept, or contract for, before, during or after a municipal election, any money, gift, loan, or other valuable consideration, offer, place, or employment for himself or herself or any other person because he or she or any other person:

(1) Voted or agreed to vote at any municipal election;

(2) Refrained or agreed to refrain from voting at a municipal election;

(3) Voted, agreed to vote, refrained from voting, or agreed to refrain from voting for or against any particular person or measure at a municipal election;

(4) Remained away or agreed to remain away from the polls during a municipal election; or

(5) Induced any other person to:

(A) Vote or agree to vote at any municipal election;

(B) Refrain from voting or agree to refrain from voting at a municipal election;

(C) Vote, agree to vote, refrain from voting, or agree to refrain from voting for or against any particular person or measure at a municipal election; or

(D) Remain or agree to remain away from the polls during a municipal election.

(San Francisco Municipal Elec. Code § 970(a))

VOTER FRAUD

It is a felony to commit fraud or attempt to commit fraud, or to aid or abet fraud or attempt to aid or abet fraud, in connection with any vote cast, to be cast, or attempted to be cast. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18500)

It is a felony for a public official to knowingly aid in any way the illegal casting or attempting to cast a vote. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18501)

It is a felony for any person who, not being entitled to vote at an election, fraudulently votes or fraudulently attempts to vote at that election. It is also a felony to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 18560(b) and 18561(b))

It is a felony for any person who, being entitled to vote at an election, votes more than once, attempts to vote more than once, or knowingly hands in two or more ballots folded together at that election. It is also a felony to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 18560(b) and 18561(b))

It is a felony for any person to impersonate or attempt to impersonate a voter at an election. It is also a felony to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 18560(b) and 18561(b))

It is a felony to procure, assist, counsel, or advise another to give or offer his vote at any election, knowing that the person is not qualified to vote. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18561(a))

It is a felony to furnish any voter wishing to vote, who cannot read, with a ballot, informing or giving that voter to understand that it contains a name written or printed thereon different from the name which is written or printed thereon. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18573)

It is a felony to defraud any voter at any election by deceiving and causing him or her to vote for a different person for any office than he or she intended or desired to vote for. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18573)

It is a felony to apply for, or to vote or attempt to vote, a vote by mail ballot by fraudulently signing the name of a fictitious person, or of a regularly qualified voter, or of a person who is not qualified to vote. (Cal. Elec. Code § 8578)

INTERFERENCE WITH ELECTION

It is a felony to interfere with the officers holding an election or conducting a canvass, or with the voters lawfully exercising their rights of voting at an election, as to prevent the election or canvass from being fairly held and lawfully conducted. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18502)

PRINTING OF BALLOTS

It is a misdemeanor for any person to print or otherwise duplicate, or cause to be printed or duplicated, a simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot that does not contain the statement required by Section 20009 or that uses an official seal or insignia in violation thereof. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18301)

It is a misdemeanor to print a ballot that does not conform to legal requirements. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18401)

It is a misdemeanor for any individual, group, or organization to knowingly distribute any application for a vote by mail ballot that does not conform to legal requirements. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18402)

It is a felony to make, use, keep, or furnish to others, paper or cards watermarked or overprinted in imitation of ballot paper or ballot cards. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18400)

DESTRUCTION/ DEFACEMENT OF ITEMS AT POLLING PLACE

It is a felony to aid in changing or destroying any poll list or official ballot. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18568(a)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a felony to carry away or destroy, attempt to carry away or destroy, or knowingly allow another to carry away or destroy, any poll list. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18568(e)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a felony to willfully detain, mutilate, or destroy any election returns. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18568(e)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a misdemeanor to, during an election, remove or destroy any of the supplies or other conveniences placed in the voting booths or compartments for the purpose of enabling the voter to prepare his or her ballot. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18380(a)(1))

It is a misdemeanor to, during an election, remove, tear down, or deface the cards printed for the instruction of voters. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18380(a)(2))

It is a misdemeanor to, during an election, remove, tear, mark or otherwise deface any voter index with the intent to falsify or prevent others from readily ascertaining the name, address, or political affiliation of any voter, or the fact that a voter has or has not voted. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18380(a)(3))

It is a misdemeanor to, *during* an election, remove, tear down, or deface the signs identifying the location of a polling place or identifying areas within 100 feet of a polling place. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18380(a)(4))

CHALLENGING THE RIGHT TO VOTE / INFORMING VOTERS THEY CANNOT VOTE

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for any person to fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote when in fact that person is eligible or is registered. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18543(a)) It is a felony to conspire to commit this crime. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18543(b))

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for a person to, on the day of the election, challenge or question any voter concerning the voter's qualifications to vote, unless that person is a member of a precinct board or other official responsible for the conduct of the election. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 14240, 18543(a)) It is a felony to conspire to commit this crime. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18543(b))

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for any person to knowingly challenge a person's right to vote without probable cause or on fraudulent or spurious grounds. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18543(a)) It is a felony to conspire to commit this crime. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18543(b))

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for any person to engage in mass, indiscriminate, and groundless challenging of voters solely for the purpose of preventing voters from voting or to delay the process of voting. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18543(a)) It is a felony to conspire to commit this crime. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18543(b))

NO POSSESSION OF A FIREARM IN A POLLING PLACE

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for any person to be in possession of a firearm while in the immediate vicinity of, or while posted at, a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate city or county elections official. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18544(a)) This section does not apply to any of the following: (1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote. (2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of his or her public employment or who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote. (3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official. (4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18544(b))

Any person who hires or arranges for any other person in possession of a firearm to be stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate elections official is punishable by either a misdemeanor or a felony. This section shall not apply to the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the private guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which the election is held. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18545)

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

It is a felony or misdemeanor to willfully cause, procure, or allow himself or herself or any other person to be registered as a voter, knowing that he or she or that other person is not entitled to registration. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18100(a))

It is a felony or misdemeanor to knowingly and willfully sign, or cause or procure the signing of, an affidavit of registration of a nonexistent person, and to mail or deliver, or cause or procure the mailing or delivery of, that affidavit to a county elections official. For purposes of this subdivision, ‘nonexistent person’ includes, but is not limited to, deceased persons, animals, and inanimate objects. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18100(b))

It is a felony or misdemeanor for any deputy elections official or registration elections official to knowingly register a nonexistent person, knowingly register a person under a false name or address, or knowingly register a person who is ineligible to register. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18102)

It is a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly or negligently interfere with the prompt transfer of a completed affidavit of registration to the county elections official. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18103(a))

It is a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly or negligently retain a voter's completed registration card, without the voter's authorization, for more than three days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, or after the close of registration. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18103(b))

It is a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly or negligently deny a voter the right to return to the county elections official the voter's own completed registration card. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18103(c))
No affidavit of registration or voter registration card shall contain, and no person other than the registrant shall write on or affix thereto, or cause to be written on or affixed thereto, any statement urging or indicating support or opposition to any candidate or measure; violation of this section is a misdemeanor. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18105)

It is a misdemeanor for any person to, in exchange for money or other valuable consideration, assist another to register to vote by receiving the completed affidavit of registration from the elector, and knowingly misrepresent himself or herself as having helped register another to vote on a registration form. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 2159, 18108.1(a)) This section does not apply to any public agency or its employees that is designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg), when an elector asks for assistance to register to vote during the course and scope of the agency's normal business. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18108.1(c))

It is a misdemeanor or a felony to knowingly and willfully complete, or cause or procure the completion of, in whole or in part, an affidavit of registration or a voter registration card, with the intent to cause the registration or re-registration as a voter of a fictitious person or of any person who has not requested registration or re-registration as a voter. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18101)

CAMPAIGN LITERATURE / MAILINGS

It is a misdemeanor to knowingly cause to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mail or distribute, literature to any voter that includes a designation of the voter's precinct polling place other than a precinct polling place listed for that voter in an official precinct polling list that constituted the latest official precinct polling list at sometime not more than 30 days prior to the mailing or distribution. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18302)

It is a misdemeanor for any person to use or allow to be used any reproduction or facsimile of the seal of the county or the seal of a local government agency in any campaign literature or mass mailing with intent to deceive the voters. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18304(a)) For purposes of this section, the use of a reproduction or facsimile of a seal in a manner that creates a misleading, erroneous, or false impression that the document is authorized by a public official is evidence of intent to deceive. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18304(b)) For purposes of this section, the term "local government agency" means a school district, special or other district, or any other board, commission, or agency of local jurisdiction. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18304(c))

MISCELLANEOUS

It is a felony to act as an election officer without first having been appointed and qualified. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18575(a))
It is a felony to perform or discharge any of the duties of an election officer in regard to the handling, counting, or canvassing of any ballots without being an election officer. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18575(b))

It is a felony for any person charged with the performance of any duty under any law of this state relating to elections, to willfully neglect or refuse to perform it, or to, in his or her official capacity, knowingly and fraudulently act in contravention or violation of any of those laws. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18002)

It is a misdemeanor to, by threats, intimidations, or unlawful violence, willfully hinder or prevent electors from assembling in public meetings for the consideration of public questions. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18340)

It is a misdemeanor to solicit funds for use by a political party without the consent of the party. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 18360, 20201)

It is a misdemeanor to solicit funds using a candidate's name without written consent or on behalf of a candidate without notice to the public of the lack of consent. (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 18361, 20202, 20203)

It is a felony to forge or counterfeit returns of an election purported to have been held at a precinct where no election was in fact held. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18566(a)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a felony to willfully substitute forged or counterfeit returns of election in the place of true returns for a precinct where an election was actually held. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18566(b)) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a felony to willfully add to or subtract from the votes actually cast at an election, in any official or unofficial returns, or to alter the returns. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18567) It is a felony or a misdemeanor to aid and abet this offense. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18569)

It is a misdemeanor or a felony for any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, to be stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate city or county elections official. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18544(a)) This section does not apply to any of the following: (1) An unarmed uniformed guard or security personnel who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote. (2) A peace officer who is conducting official business in the course of his or her public employment or who is at the polling place to cast his or her vote. (3) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by a city or county elections official. (4) A private guard or security personnel hired or arranged for by the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which an election is held. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18544(b))

Any person who hires or arranges for any uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel or any person who is wearing a uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel, to be stationed in the immediate vicinity of, or posted at, a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate elections official is punishable by either a misdemeanor or a felony. This section shall not apply to the owner or manager of the facility or property in which the polling place is located if the private guard or security personnel is not hired or arranged solely for the day on which the election is held. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18545)

It is a misdemeanor to remove or deface any posted copy of the results of votes cast within the period of 48 hours from the official time fixed for the closing of the polls. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18570(a))

It is a misdemeanor to delay delivery of or change the copy of the result of votes cast that is to be delivered to the city or county elections official. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18570(b))

It is a misdemeanor for any person in possession of voter registration information knowingly to use or permit the use of all or any part of that information for any purpose other than as permitted by law. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18109(a))
It is a misdemeanor for any person knowingly to acquire possession or use of voter registration information unlawfully. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18109(b))

It is a misdemeanor for any person or public entity to disclose the home address or telephone number listed on a voter registration card of any active or retired peace officer; employee of a city police department or a county sheriff's office; or the spouse or children of those individuals who live with those individuals. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18110(b))

It is a felony for any person or public entity to disclose the home address or telephone number listed on a voter registration card of any active or retired peace officer; employee of a city police department or a county sheriff's office; or the spouse or children of those individuals who live with those individuals. (Cal. Elec. Code § 18110(c))