

Political Reform Division

Quarterly Business Program Updates

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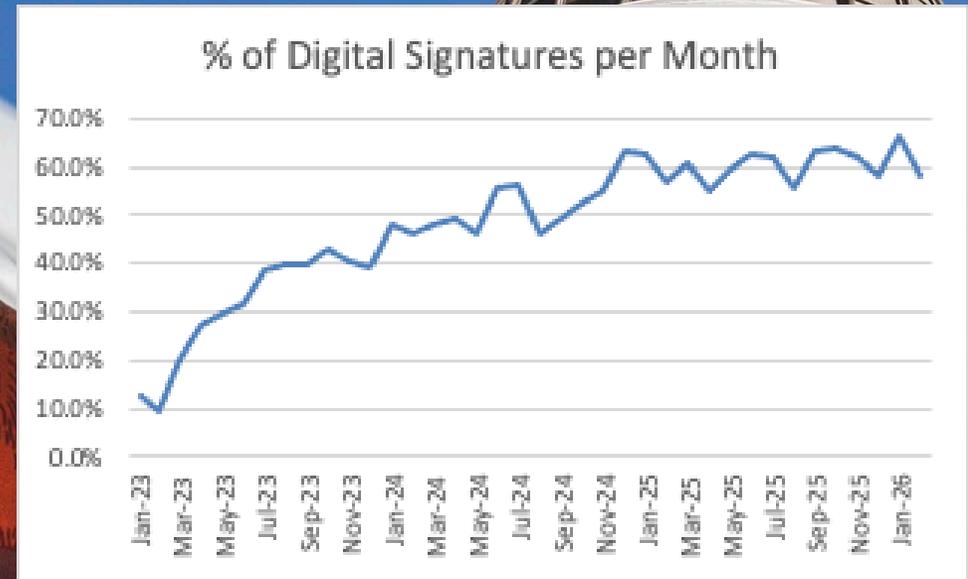
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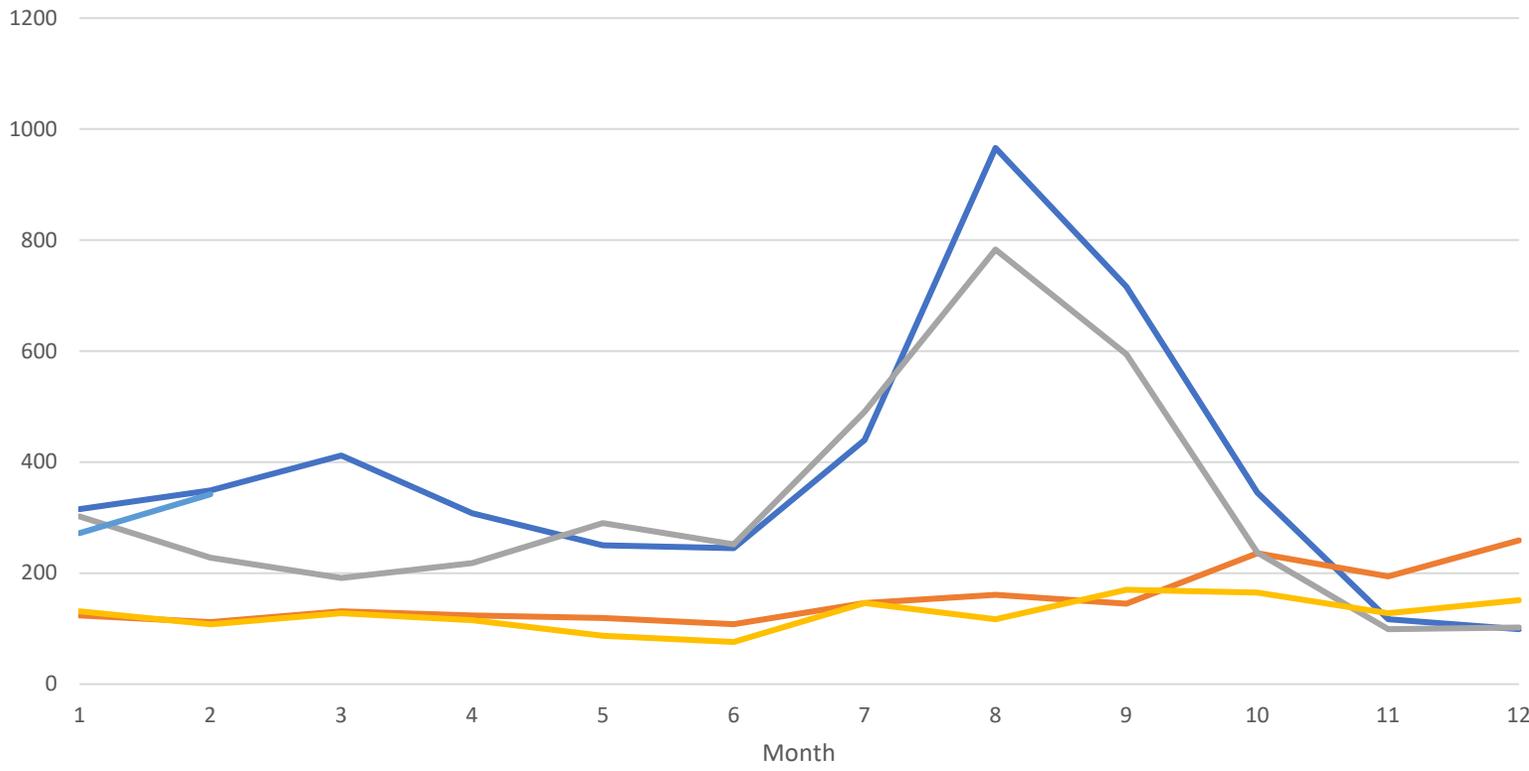
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Committee Registration Trends

Initial Form 410s by Month



2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 YTD



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Upcoming Campaign Deadlines



Fair Political Practices Commission

Filing Schedule for State Candidates and their Controlled Committees Listed on the June 2, 2026 Ballot

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Feb 2, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/25	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 460: All committees must file this statement. • 470: If a candidate raised or spent less than \$2,000 during 2025, file Form 470 (see below). • The January 31 deadline falls on a Saturday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	Ongoing – File any time other than the 90-day election cycle	497	<p>Only E-filers file this report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source. • No paper copy is required. • File within ten business days of receipt of the contribution.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	3/4/26 – 6/2/26	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is received from a single source. • File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to or in connection with <i>another</i> candidate or measure listed on the June 2, 2026, ballot, or made to a political party committee. • The recipient of a non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate must file a Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the contribution is received. • E-file only. No paper copy is required.
Apr 23, 2026 <i>1st pre-Election</i>	1/1/26 – 4/18/26	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
May 21, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	4/19/26 – 5/16/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees must file this statement. • Paper copies must be filed by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight service, or by email with a verified digital signature.
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	5/17/26 – 6/30/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026.

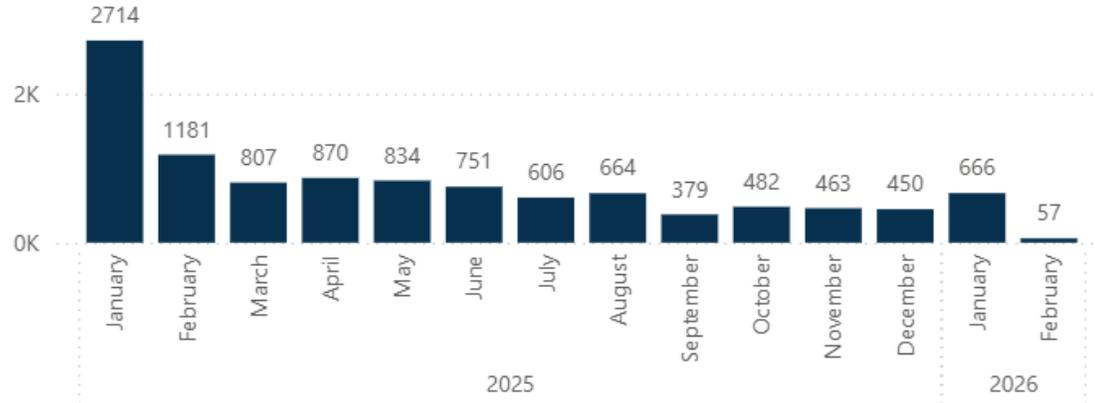
FOR A FULL LIST OF FORMS AND RULES, VISIT WWW.FPPC.CA.GOV (PH 10)



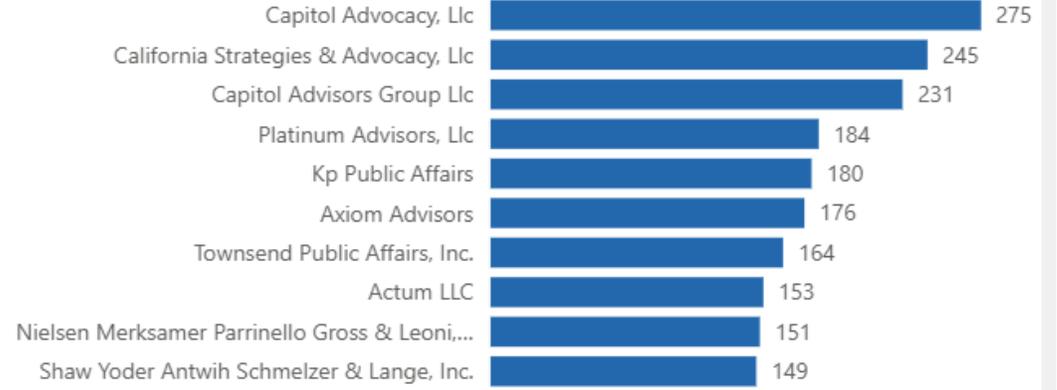
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Lobbying Filer Activity

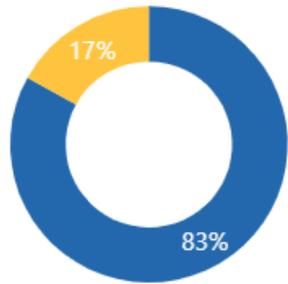
Total Forms Received by Month



Top Filers This Session

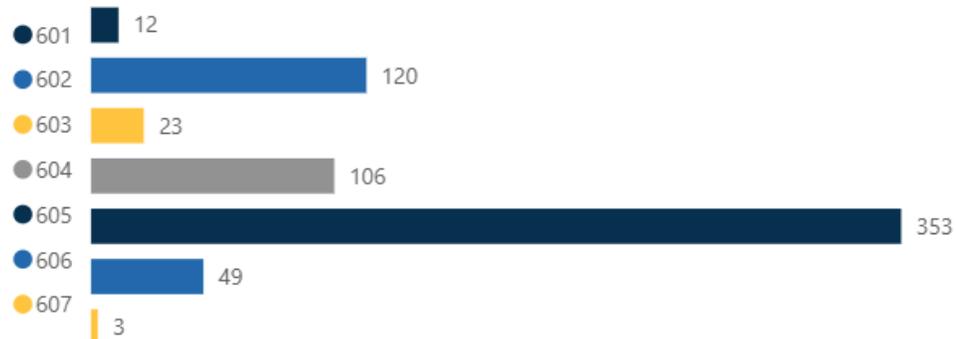


Digital vs Paper

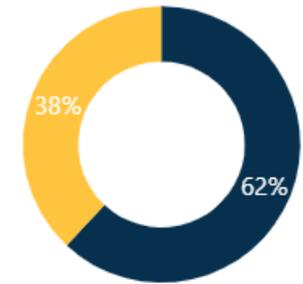


● Digital Filings ● Paper Filings

Forms by type

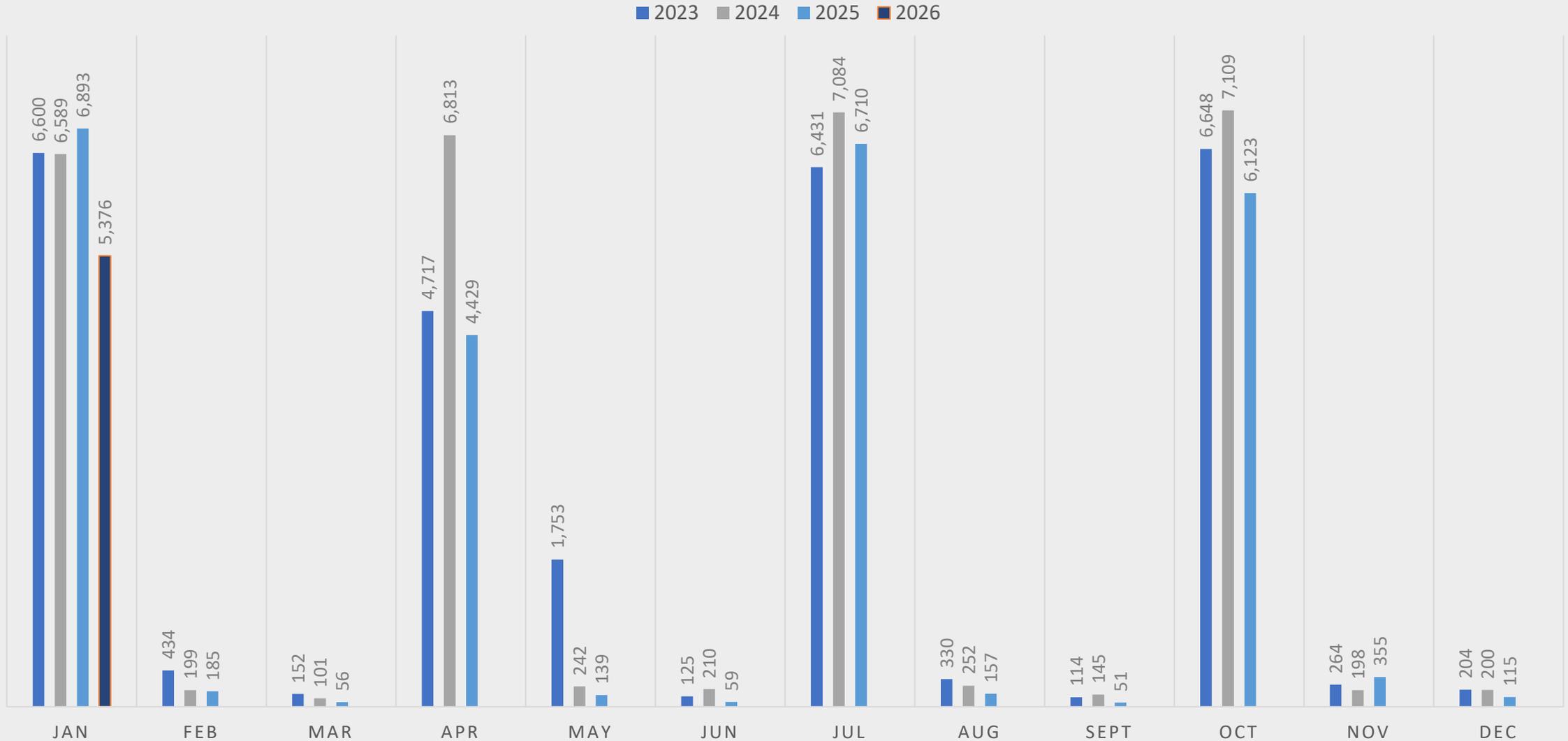


Employers vs Firms



● Firm ● Employer

Lobbying Disclosure Trends



2026 Annual Fee Penalty Notice

- \$50 Annual Fee was due January 15
- \$150 Penalty being assessed
 - \$200 will be due and payable by check or card
- To be sent early April 2026
- To the email address on file for the Treasurer
 - If none in the system, will be sent by USPS – contact us if you get one by mail, and need to add an email to your filer account
- Email questions to: prdannualfee@sos.ca.gov

Reminder: After CAL-ACCESS Replacement System is available, the Annual Fee due date be April 30

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December 3, 2025

ALEX TAVLIAN	1480688 - MAIN STREET CENTRAL VALLEY
ALEX TAVLIAN	1482262 - FRESNO FUTURE FORWARD

Dear Committee Treasurer:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 84101.5, the active committees listed above are required to pay an annual fee of \$50, which is due January 15, 2026. This annual fee applies until the committees are terminated, regardless of the committee's level of activity.

If the fee is not paid by the January 15, 2026, due date, the committees are subject to an administrative penalty of \$150, requiring the committees to pay a total of \$200 (the \$50 annual fee plus the \$150 penalty). You will not receive any further notice or invoice in advance of the due date.

If the committees cease activity by December 31, 2025, then no fee for 2026 will be due. However, a terminating [Statement of Organization \(Form 410\)](#) must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office by January 31, 2026. Additional information on campaign rules is provided by the California Fair Political Practices Commission online at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Online payment option:
The \$50 annual fee may be paid online at [Committee Annual Fee Payment](#) or by mailing a check or money order with the completed payment slip below.

As we [prepare](#) for the new CAL-ACCESS system to be available for public use at the end of 2026, please ensure that your email address on file is current. A valid and up-to-date email address will be required to properly register and access the new system. If your email address has changed or is not currently on file, file a [Statement of Organization \(Form 410\)](#) to add or amend your contact information as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding how to amend your Form 410, please email: prdcampaign@sos.ca.gov.

If sending payment by check or money order, please print and enclose this completed portion with your payment.

Committee ID _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Please remit your annual fee payment (\$50) to:

Secretary of State Political Reform Division 1500 11th Street – Room 495 Sacramento, CA 95814

Make your check or money order payable to the **Secretary of State** and **write your committee ID number** on the lower left portion of the payment to ensure it is properly applied to your account.

If you have any questions about this notice, please email us at prdannualfee@sos.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

CARS Postcard Mailing

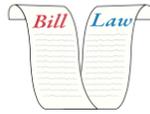
- Sending soon!
- Sent via USPS to Filer Accounts with no email address on file
- Email version coming as well
- Encouraging all filers to sign up for updates so they can know how to connect their prior CAL-ACCESS account to their new online filer profile



2025/2026 Legislative Watch



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How a Bill Becomes Law in California

Initial Steps by Author



Idea
Anyone can come up with an idea for a new bill; you don't have to be an elected official. An individual, a group like Farm Bureau or government agencies can sponsor a bill.



Drafting
That idea must be drafted into a formal bill with an accompanying summary in simple terms explaining its purpose.



Introduction
The bill must formally be introduced by a senator or assembly member. At this point, it receives a number assigned by either an "SB" or an "AB" to indicate which house it was introduced in, either Senate or Assembly. The bill is then assigned to a committee.

Action in the First House



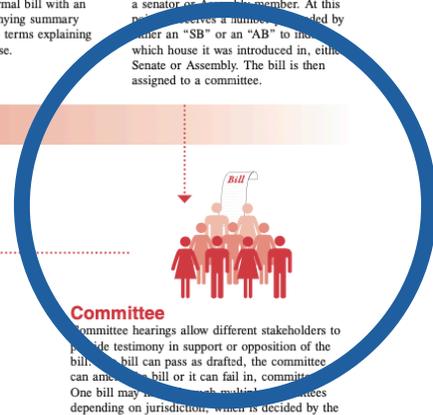
Floor Debate and Vote
Legislators debate the bill. Votes are recorded for each legislator. Most bills need a simple majority to pass, but some, such as the budget, require a two-thirds vote to pass.



Second Reading
After passing through committee, the bill is considered by all members of that house and scheduled for floor debate.



Committee
Committee hearings allow different stakeholders to provide testimony in support or opposition of the bill. If the bill can pass as drafted, the committee can amend the bill or it can fail in committee. One bill may go through multiple committees depending on jurisdiction, which is decided by the rules committee.



We are here.

Action in the Second House



Reading
The bill is read and assigned to a committee.



Committee
Stakeholders have another opportunity to provide comment on the bill. The committee may pass the bill as is, amend it or forward it to another committee.



Second Reading
Once through the committee process, the bill is sent to the floor of the second house for consideration. The bill is scheduled for floor debate.



Floor Debate and Vote
If the bill, as it passes in the second house, is the same version that passed the first house, it gets sent directly to the governor for his action. If the bill was amended in the second house, it gets sent back to the house of origin so it can consider the passage of the amended bill.

Governor



Sign or Veto?
The governor has 12 days to sign a bill, veto it or allow it to become law without his signature. At the end of the legislative session, the governor gets a flurry of bills and has 30 days to take action. A veto can be overridden if two-thirds of the Legislature votes in favor of the bill.

Resolution of Two-House Differences (If Necessary)



Concurrence
Rather than going to conference, the house of origin can decide to accept and vote on the second house's amended bill.

Conference
Differences in the bill can be resolved through a conference committee made up of legislators from both houses. The recommended compromise then has to be voted on and passed by both houses.

2026/2026 Legislative Watch List

AB 775 (Fong, D) Behested payments: reporting
AB 950 (Solache, D) Political Reform Act of 1974: advertisements
AB 1560 (Tangipa) Lobbyist Certification
AB 1736 (Pellerin) "Astroturfing" Prohibition for Lobbyist Employers
AB 1788 (Boerner) Enhanced Disclosure for Nonprofit Organizations that Pay for Elected Official Travel
AB 1789 (Boerner) Mandatory Campaign Training
AB 1840 (Sanchez) Prohibition on Using Nonpublic Information Related to Prediction Market Contracts
AB 2255 (Pellerin) Enhanced Disclosure for Large Expenditures
AB 2413 (Ransom) Large-Format Public Advertisements at the Public Expense
AB 2421 (Valencia) Committee Termination
AB 2592 (Pacheco) Transfer of Lobbying Training to the FPPC
AB 2655 (Valencia) Use of Campaign Funds for Security Expenses: Licensed Security Personnel

SB 401 (Hurtado, D) Political Reform Act of 1974: filing deadlines: emergency situations
SB 1159 (Cabaldron) Excluding AI from the Definition of "Person" and Related Terms
SB 1175 (Rubio) - Lobbyist Registration and Termination
SB 1225 (Niello and Umberg) Preparation of Ballot Summary and Titles
SB 1389 (Dahle) Form 700 Late Fee Waiver Authority
SB 1432 (Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments) Political Reform Act

Track these, and others at:
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>



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Questions & Answers



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NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Meetings

- June 17, 2026
- September 16, 2026



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