

Political Reform Division

Quarterly Business Program Updates

June 17, 2026



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AGENDA

■ Program Updates

- Customer Service Updates
- Committee Registration Trends
- Lobbying Filer Activity
- Pre-Election Deadline Recap
- CARS Go-Live Website

■ 2025/26 Legislative Update

- Watchlist

■ Questions and Answers



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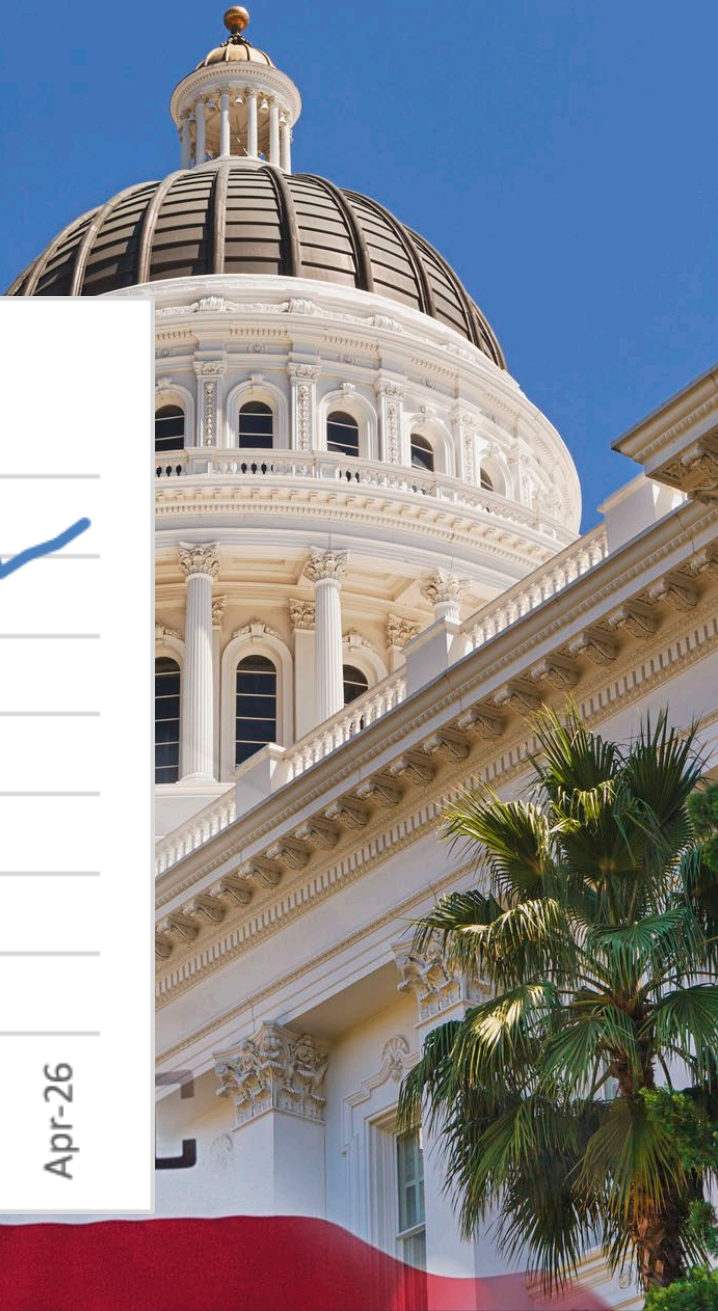
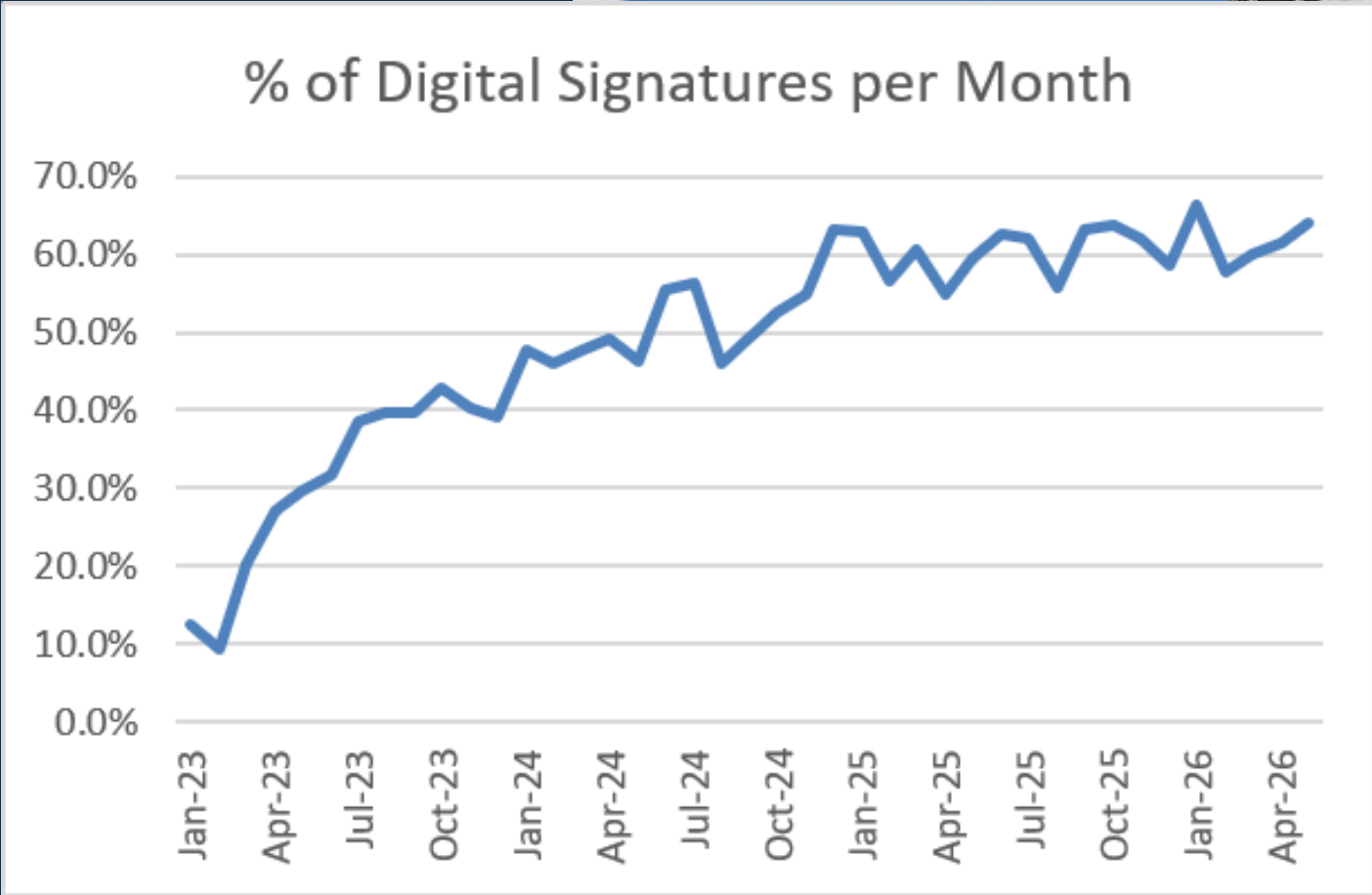
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Customer Service Updates

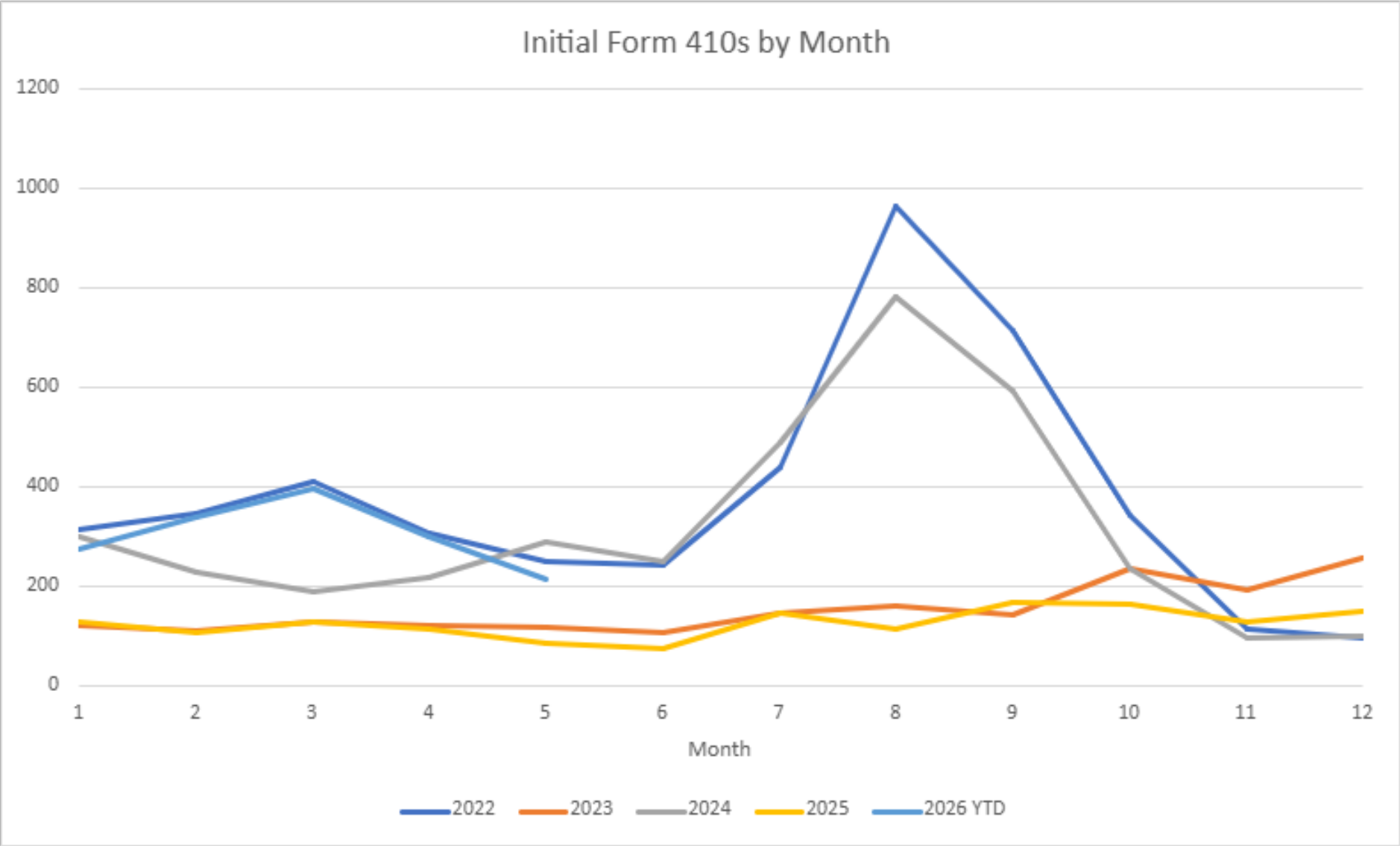
- Phone Calls Answered Live
 - 95-99% each month in the last year
 - 100% in April!
- Current on Processing
 - All registrations: 1-4 Days
 - Activity Reports: 1-7 Days
- Statuses are updated on CAL-ACCESS as they are processed
- Active Filer Counts
 - Committees: 15,294 (-169)
 - Clients: 3,392 (+53)
 - Employers: 781 (+17)
 - Firms: 452 (+3)
 - Lobbyists: 2497 (+32)



Customer Service Updates



Committee Registration Trends



Upcoming Campaign Deadlines



Fair Political Practices Commission

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

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Notes</i>
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.



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Filing Schedule for State Candidates and their Controlled Committees Listed on the November 3, 2026 Ballot

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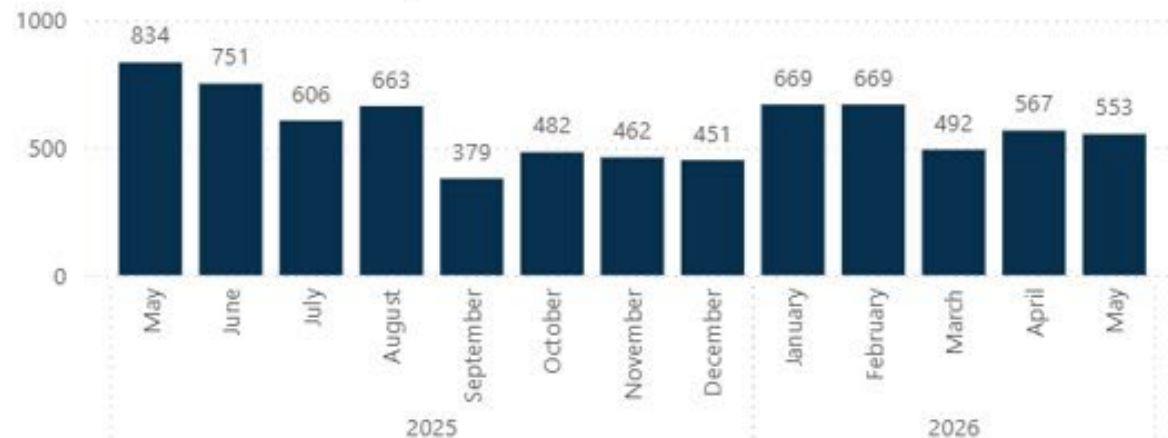
Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	Ongoing (File anytime other than the 90-day election cycle)	497	Only E-filers file this report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source. No paper copy is required. File within ten business days of receipt of contribution.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	8/5/26 – 11/3/26	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 November 3, 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 of receiving the contribution. E-file only. No paper copy is required.
Jul 31, 2026 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 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.
Sep 24, 2026 <i>1st pre-Election</i>	7/1/26 – 9/19/26	460 or 470	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each candidate listed on the ballot must file Form 460 or Form 470 (see below).
Oct 22, 2026 <i>2nd Pre-Election</i>	9/20/26 – 10/17/26	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.
Feb 1, 2027 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	10/18/26 – 12/31/26	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file Form 460 unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before December 31, 2026. The January 31 deadline falls on a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.



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Lobbying Registration

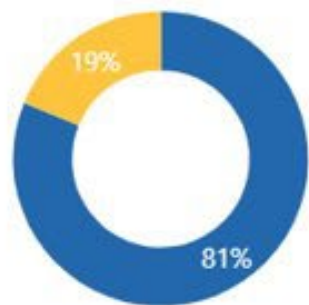
Total Forms Received by Month



Top Filers This Session

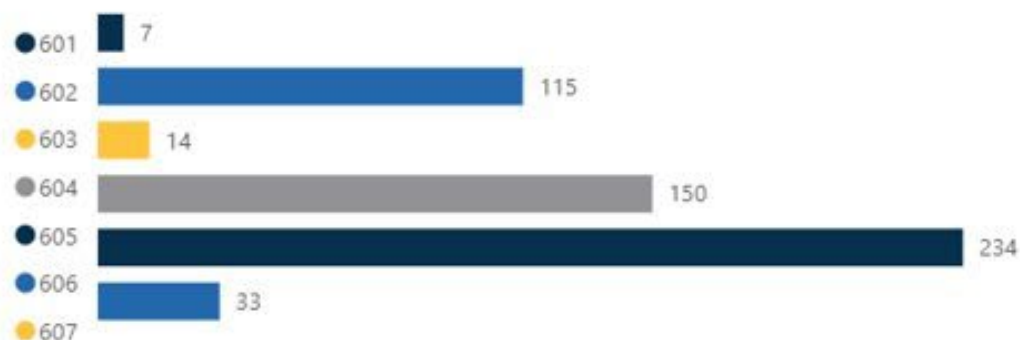


Digital vs Paper

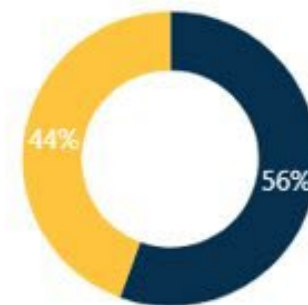


● Digital Filings ● Paper Filings

Forms by type



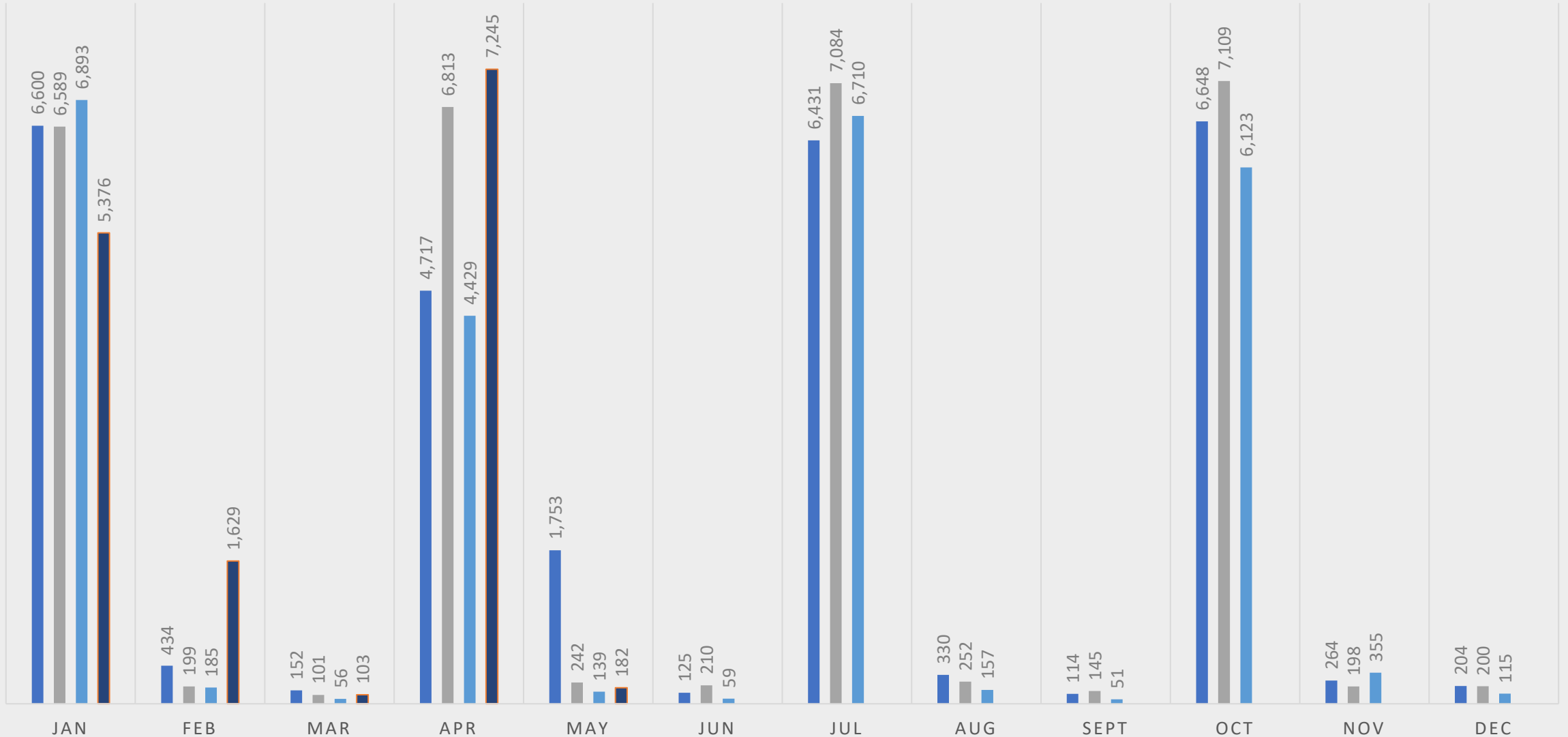
Employers vs Firms



● Firm ● Employer

Lobbying Disclosure Trends

■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ 2025 ■ 2026



CAL-ACCESS Replacement System (CARS) Go-Live Website Updates

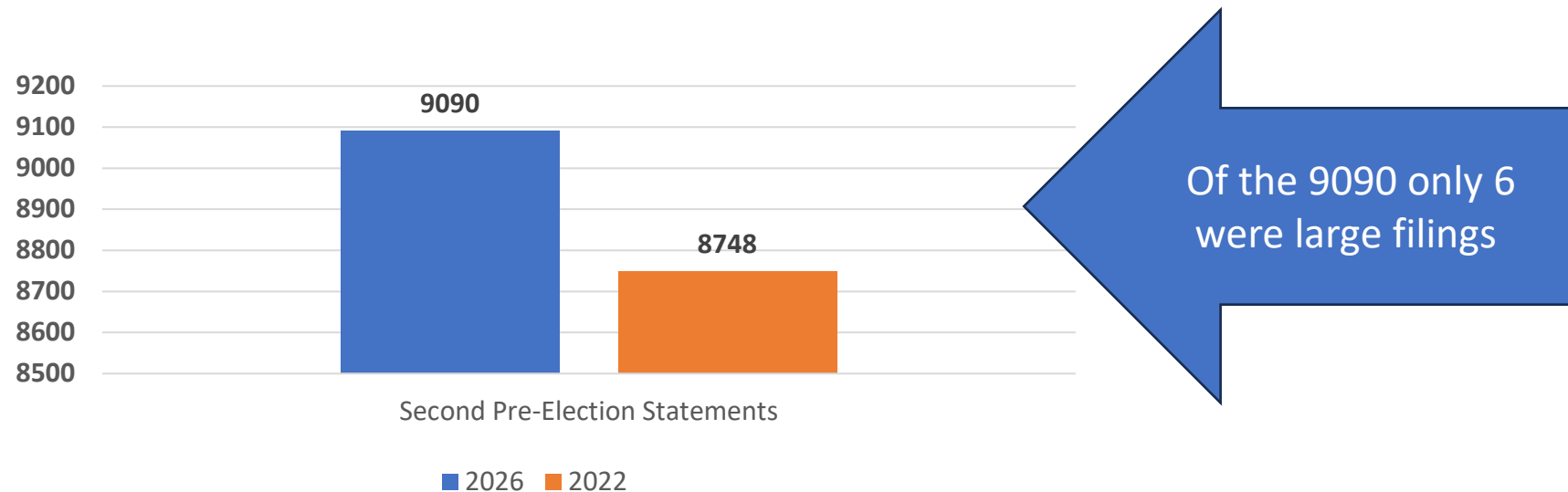
- Status of Go-Live
- How to Prepare
- Frequently Asked Questions

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Helpful Resources	Overview
How To File Electronically	The CAL-ACCESS Replacement System (CARS) will be available for use in November, 2026. After CARS becomes available, the current CAL-ACCESS system will no longer be available for use. This page provides updates, key milestones, and actions stakeholders should take to prepare to use this new system.
Electronic Filing Password Request	For general project news, stakeholder bulletins, and historical updates, please visit the CAL-ACCESS Replacement System Project page.
Elections Division	<h3>Go-Live Status</h3> <p>Current Status: In Development Target Go-Live Date: Post-election, November 2026</p>
Federal Election Commission (FEC)	The CARS Project team continues to make progress toward deploying the new CAL-ACCESS system. Go-live readiness activities are underway, including system testing, training preparation, and stakeholder engagement.
Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)	This section will be updated as go-live dates and readiness milestones are confirmed.
Political Reform Audit Program for the California Franchise Tax Board	<h3>How to Prepare for Go-Live</h3> <p>Stakeholders can prepare for the new system by taking the following steps:</p>
Ballot Measure Total Contributions	
CAL-ACCESS Replacement	

Pre-Election Recap

Second Pre-Election Statement



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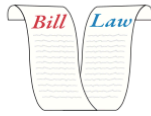


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2025/2026 Legislative Watch

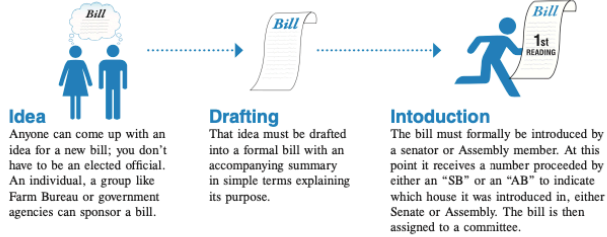


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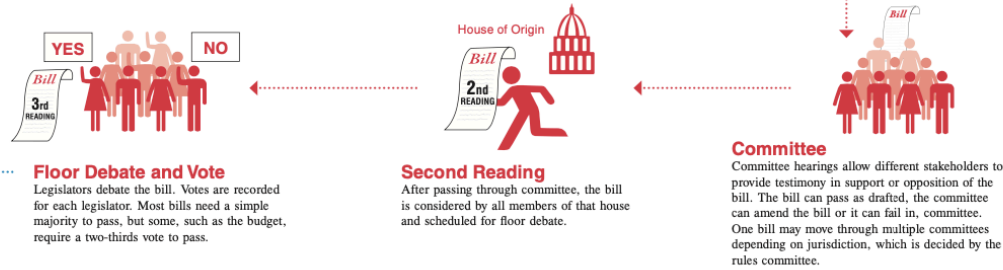


How a Bill Becomes Law in California

Initial Steps by Author

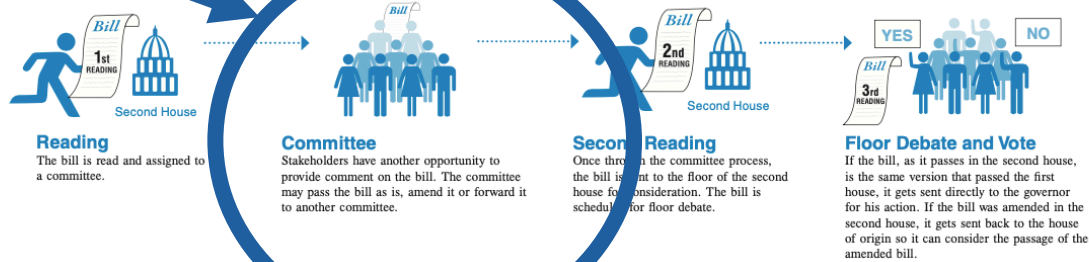


Action in the First House



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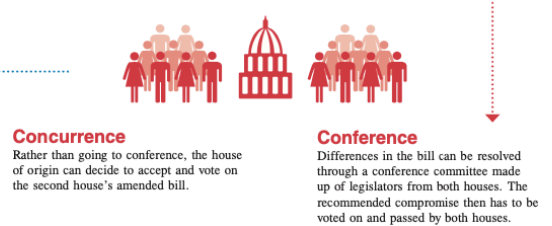
Action in the Second House



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Resolution of Two-House Differences (If Necessary)



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:
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Questions & Answers



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NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Meetings

- September 16, 2026
- December 16, 2026



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