



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1301 without my signature.

This bill would establish a state "pre-clearance" system under which certain political subdivisions are required to obtain approval from the Secretary of State before implementing policy changes related to elections.

While I agree that the impairment of key provisions in the federal Voting Rights Act deserves a national remedy, I am unconvinced that a California-only pre-clearance system is needed.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.