



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 145 without my signature.

Registration and voting fraud are issues raised not only in California but across the country. It is fundamental that we encourage both registration and voting to the maximum degree while, at the same time, carefully protecting the integrity of the process.

The provisions of this bill attempt to ban paying people to obtain voter registration "directly or indirectly on a per-affidavit basis."

Current California law provides criminal penalties for voter registration fraud. Without more convincing evidence that per-card incentives hurt the democratic process, I am not prepared to ban them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.