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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Commends the Governor for Signing Important Legislation to Increase Civic Participation Among High School Students

Bill will increase the pool of available poll workers

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson issued the following statement on the signing of AB 2671:

“Governor Schwarzenegger is to be commended for signing AB 2671 (Salinas) into law. Engaging our young people in the elections process is essential to ensuring that voter registration and participation will increase in the future. By giving high school students a chance to participate in the elections process we are setting the stage for their future involvement. I believe this bill will build a foundation for present and future participation in the electoral process.

“I have traveled to all 58 counties and spoken at many high schools to encourage young people to participate in the democratic process. This new law will allow more civic minded students to serve as poll workers on Election Day.”

This bill expands the number of high school students qualified to serve as student poll workers by removing the restriction that they be seniors in high school. This bill will also expand the pool of potential poll workers available to counties.

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