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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Applauds the Governor for Signing Legislation to Provide Needed Relief to County Governments**

SACRAMENTO, CA - Governor Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 1634 by Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, to reimburse California's 58 counties for costs incurred during last year's Special Election. The measure provides more than \$38 million in needed relief to local governments across the state.

Secretary of State Bruce McPherson sponsored this bill after calling on the Governor to include a provision to reimburse the counties in the proclamation for the 2005 Special Election.

"I commend the Governor for signing this important legislation that will send much-needed relief to California's counties. This money will provide our 58 counties with long-awaited reimbursement for costs incurred during the November 2005 Special Statewide Election," said Secretary McPherson.

"Partisan politics should never interfere with fair elections in our state," Assemblyman McCarthy said. "California voters should never fear that their voices will be silenced simply because counties do not have the resources to conduct an election. This vital measure protects the people's right to take back their government at the ballot box, while fully reimbursing counties for the unplanned costs of last year's Special Election."

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