

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 18, 2023  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 23, 2023  
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 969**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Pellerin  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Berman, Lee, and Blanca Rubio)**

February 14, 2023

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An act to add Section 19207.5 to the Elections Code, relating to ~~elections~~, *elections, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 969, as amended, Pellerin. Elections: voting systems.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a local jurisdiction to adopt a voting system for use in an election if the system has been certified or conditionally approved by the Secretary of State.

This bill would prohibit a county board of supervisors from terminating an existing voting system contract without a transition plan and a replacement contract in place.

*This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.*

Vote: ~~majority~~<sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19207.5 is added to the Elections Code,
- 2 to read:

1 19207.5. A county board of supervisors shall not terminate an  
2 existing voting system contract without a transition plan and a  
3 replacement contract in place.

4 *SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*  
5 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*  
6 *the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall*  
7 *go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

8 *In order to ensure that county elections officials know what*  
9 *voting system they will be using, particularly with the upcoming*  
10 *2024 March Presidential Primary, it is necessary for this act to*  
11 *take effect immediately.*