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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters to Present Information Pertaining to the Senate Bill 450, The California Voter's Choice Act, Conducting an All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center Election in Nevada County for the June 5, 2018, Statewide Direct Primary Election, and Amending the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Budget for the 2017/18 Fiscal Year

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) The Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters to present information pertaining to the implementation of the California Voter's Choice Act (Senate Bill 450) and related statutory requirements; and
- B) Amending the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Budget for the 2017/18 Fiscal Year.

FUNDING: This Resolution will impact the Election Budget in the amount of \$303,141.00 for fiscal year 2017/18, and will be funded through general fund dollars. A budget amendment is included as part of this Resolution.

BACKGROUND: The California Voter's Choice Act (hereinafter "VCA") was signed into law on September 29, 2016, authorizing 14 counties, including Nevada County, to conduct any election as an All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center election commencing in 2018. The VCA fundamentally changes the manner in which elections are to be conducted in the future, by establishing an All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center model utilizing Ballot Drop-Off locations strategically placed throughout the County.

Under the VCA All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center model, all voters will be mailed a ballot 29 days before the election with a postage-paid envelope to return the ballot. Vote centers, located across the County, will replace polling places. Voters who currently vote by mail would experience one very positive change; return postage will be paid. Voters who do not want to submit their ballot by mail will have the option of returning ballots at Ballot Drop-Off locations across the county.

While the exact amount of the fiscal impact is unknown at this time, it is estimated that the initial capital outlay and one-time cost will be approximately \$164,142.00, and \$138,999.00 is ongoing Election Administration cost

Please see the attachment included herewith as a compendium to the presentation on the California Voter's Choice Act (Senate Bill 450) and Nevada County's corresponding transition to an All-Mailed Ballot/Vote Center model.

Item Initiated by: Sandra J. Sjoberg

Approved by: Gregory J. Diaz

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