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**MEETING DATE:** June 24, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Clerk-Recorder / Registrar of Voters Ad-Hoc Subcommittee:  
Supervisor Susan Hoek and Supervisor Hardy Bullock

**SUBJECT:** Request to amend Government Code section 26802.5 to add Nevada County to the list of counties authorized to allow for appointment of the registrar of voters

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Submit a letter to the Senate Local Government Committee that requests, as part of the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2025 (SB 858), to amend Government Code section 26802.5 to add Nevada County to the list of counties authorized to appoint the registrar of voters to discharge all duties vested by law in the county clerk that relate to and are part of the election process.

**FUNDING:** None

**BACKGROUND:**

California Government Code section 26802.5 authorizes a registrar of voters to be appointed by a board of supervisors in specified counties "in the same manner as other county officers are appointed." In those counties, the county clerk is not the ex officio registrar of voters, and the registrar of voters is responsible for all duties vested by law in the county elections official that relate to and are part of the election procedures.

Currently, the counties referenced in Section 26802.5 are: El Dorado, Imperial, Kings, Lake, Marin, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Riverside, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, and Tulare. The Section has been amended multiple times to facilitate adding counties to the list. Kern County is currently requesting to be added to the Section.

The Local Government Omnibus Act of 2025, which was introduced in March of 2025 and is currently under consideration by the state legislature, presents an opportunity for Nevada County to be added to the list of approved counties. In late May, Nevada County's legislative advocate submitted a Proposed Item for the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2025 that informed the Senate Local Government Committee that the

Board of Supervisors would consider the proposed amendment at the June 24, 2025, Board Meeting.

To be formally considered for addition to the list of approved counties, the Board of Supervisors must send a letter to the Senate Local Government Committee that requests to add Nevada County to Government Code section 26802.5.

It is important to note that neither making this request, nor the legislation passing and Nevada County being added to Section 26802.5, results in any change to the structure of the Nevada County government. The change would only provide this or a future board of supervisors with the ability to take action regarding changes to the position of the registrar of voters.

Should the Board of Supervisors decide to pursue a change to the office of the Registrar of Voters pursuant to 26802.5 at some future date, a proposed ordinance would need to come before the Board for both introduction and adoption at a noticed public meeting, providing the public an opportunity to give input and comment on any proposed change.

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