

Date of Hearing: April 11, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Patrick O'Donnell, Chair
AB 2449 (Arambula) – As Introduced February 14, 2018

SUBJECT: School districts, county offices of education, and community college districts:
governing boards: elections

SUMMARY: Extends the date by which newly-elected members of county office of education, school district, and community college district governing boards must assume office after an election. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Extends from the last Friday in November to the second Friday in December the date by which the following must occur:
 - a) Members of county boards of education elected in November must assume office.
 - b) County boards of education hold an organization meeting and elect a board president.
 - c) Members of school district governing boards elected in November must assume office.
- 2) Extends the terms of the majority of the members of the first elected board on a newly formed community college district that received the highest number votes from the first Friday in December to the second Friday in December of the second succeeding odd-numbered year.
- 3) Extends the terms of the other members of the first elected board from the first Friday in December to the second Friday in December of the first succeeding odd-numbered year.

FISCAL EFFECT: Legislative Counsel has keyed this bill a state-mandated local program.

COMMENTS:

Need for the bill. According to the author's office, this bill is needed because election results are sometimes not certified prior to the date on which existing law requires newly-elected members to assume office. This problem was exacerbated by SB 415 (Hueso, Chapter 235, Statutes of 2015), which requires specified districts and county offices of education to hold board member elections in even-numbered years. Due to the length of ballots in even-numbered years, election results are not always certified in time to meet the requirements of existing law.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Opposition

None received

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