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### [AB 413 \(Yamada\)](#)

I am pleased to report that today Gov. Jerry Brown signed **AB 413 (Yamada)**, a CCAC and League supported measure which establishes a pilot program authorizing Yolo County to conduct all-mail, or "all-postal" ballot elections. This bill will remain in effect until January 1, 2018.

Of particular importance to cities is the bill's requirement that Yolo County report statistics of the cost to conduct an all-mail ballot election, the demographic of voters, their permanent vote-by-mail status, as well as other information to the SOS and Legislature. This data will help assist the Legislature and SOS in determining whether this can be a successful form of voting for other local elections and whether it is worthy of expansion to future elections.

Several other counties have conducted all-mail ballot elections and have demonstrated a successful reduction in election costs. While this is a pilot project for Yolo County, if successful, cities may be one step closer to conducting these costs savings elections.

If you will recall, this was the third attempt to get this bill passed. Gov. Schwarzenegger vetoed Assembly Member Yamada's 2009 and 2010 version.