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### 2009 Legislative Summary

**Defeat:** AB 18 Vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger

**Victory:** AB 1574 and SB 359 Chaptered; Effective January 1, 2010

For the 2009 state legislative session, CCAC and the League of California Cities were instrumental in getting the following bills passed. These bills will go into effect January 1, 2010:

**SB 359 (Romero) Records: Disclosure Exemptions. CHAPTERED.** Updates the California Public Records Act (CPRA) alphabetical list of records exempt from disclosure and requires that a bill be introduced every legislative session to ensure that the index is continually updated.

**AB 1574 (Elections and Redistricting Committee) Elections. CHAPTERED.** (1) Clarifies that the deadline for submitting arguments for or against a city measure does not apply when the city election is consolidated with another election; and (2) Changes the filing deadline stated in Elections Code 10229 from "5 p.m." to "during regular business hours as posted."

Disappointingly, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed AB 18 with a single line comment that 30 days seems adequate. The League has vowed to continue to work on this necessary piece of legislation:

**AB 18 (Knight) Local government: city councils. VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR.** This bill would have extended the appointment period to fill a city council vacancy from 30-to-60 days and would have made the policy for cities with at-large council elections consistent with the policy for cities with district-based council elections.

The CCAC Legislative Committee continues to work on legislative proposals. If you have an idea for improving or adding a statute, submit a legislative proposal form available on the City Clerk's website at [www.californiacityclerks.org](http://www.californiacityclerks.org).