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Senate Bill 1328
SUPPORT

Dear Senator Bradford:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 1328(Bradford).

SB 1328 authorizes the Secretary of State to impose additional conditions of approval for electronic poll books, ballot manufacturers and finishers, ballot on demand systems, voting systems, and remote accessible vote-by-mail systems. Additionally, it updates existing election record retention, preservation, and destruction requirements to provide clear guidance for electronic voting data.

SB1328 also expands and clarifies two existing felonies related to voting technology security. It is a felony to tamper or interfere with voting machines or voting software. This bill expands the law to provide that "interferes with or attempts to interfere with" includes knowingly, and without authorization, possessing credentials, passwords, or access keys to a voting machine that will be used in elections in California. Additionally, SB 1328 clarifies that it is a felony to knowingly, and without authorization, make or possess copies of electronic data, provide unauthorized access, or break the chain of custody to certified voting technology during the lifecycle of that technology.

Since the 2020 general election, there have been reported incidents of suspected or attempted security breaches in local election offices across the nation. One highly publicized breach occurred in Colorado in which a county clerk was indicted for her role in facilitating unauthorized access to voting machines. Although there have not been any suspected or attempted security breach incidents in California, SB 1328 nonetheless aims to strengthen existing laws to enable effective prosecution should a violation occur.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamar Tokat in our Legislative Office at 916-442-0668.

Very Truly Yours,

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