

ITEM 12
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
2014 LEGISLATION

Commission on State Mandates (Commission) staff continues to monitor legislation for bills that might affect the mandates process. There are no new mandates bills to report at this time.

There is, however, a bill that would amend the Budget Act of 2013 affecting the funding of state-mandated local programs.

AB 1861 (Harkey)

The Budget Act of 2013 suspended, among other mandates, *Voter Identification Procedures*, 03-TC-23. During suspension, local governments are not required to perform the reimbursable program nor are they reimbursed for it if they chose to perform it.

This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2013 by removing *Voter Identification Procedures*, 03-TC-23 from the list of suspended state-mandated local programs. The bill would appropriate \$7,553,000 from the General Fund to pay for mandate claims for *Voter Identification Procedures*, as specified. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill. The bill was introduced on February 19, 2014, and was referred to the Assembly Committee on Budget on February 24, 2014.

Budget Committee Hearings

As of the writing of this report, the proposed Commission budget is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee 4 on State Administration and General Government and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration. The Senate hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 27th at 9:30 am. The Assembly hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th at 1:30 pm.