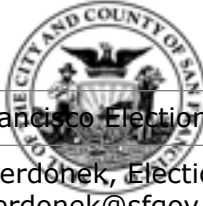




**STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
Legislative Proposal Form**

This form should be used to submit legislative proposals for consideration by the State Legislation Committee. To be included at an upcoming meeting, proposals should be submitted at least one week in advance; proposals received less than one week in advance will be considered if time permits. Before submission, proposals must be reviewed and approved by the Department Head or Commission.

Please send completed forms to Katie Angotti in the Mayor's Office at Kathryn.Angotti@sfgov.org



SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT	San Francisco Elections Commission
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Bill Number (Sponsor)	AB 1403 (Obernolte): ELECTIONS – Military and overseas voters: return of ballot by email OPPOSE.
EXISTING ISSUE & PRESENT STATE LAW	Current law allows military and overseas voters to submit their ballots to the registrar by fax, but not by email.
DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDED PROPOSAL	AB 1403 would allow military and overseas voters to return their ballots by email. The Elections Commission strongly opposes this bill for the reasons set forth in its in April 17, 2017 resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. As discussed in the resolution, email voting, and other forms of internet voting, pose a major risk to election security. The technology does not exist for secure email voting, nor will such technology exist for the foreseeable future. If this bill passes, jurisdictions including San Francisco will be exposed to large-scale, sophisticated, automated, undetectable, and uncorrectable vote tampering. Furthermore, because email voting does not involve casting paper ballots, there is no meaningful way to audit, recount, or correct results in the case of electronic error or tampering.
RECOMMENDED POSITION <i>Please mark appropriate box</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SPONSOR <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE
FISCAL IMPACT <i>Including impacts to the City's General Fund AND to the State</i>	
IMPACT TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS	
REVIEWED & APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE	
DATE SUBMITTED	5/3/17