

Dear Representative Angelica Wood,

We are pleased to inform you that your request for an exemption from the referendum requirement for House Bill 25-470, the Online Voting Act of 2025, has been GRANTED, effective immediately. This decision was reached after careful consideration and a thorough review of the legislation by our panel.

Our comprehensive review determined that this legislation, which solely authorizes online voting as a supplemental option, does not fundamentally alter current provisions of state election law. We meticulously examined the bill's language and its potential impact, confirming that it preserves all existing deadlines for voter registration and ballot submission, maintains current eligibility requirements for voters, and upholds established physical voting procedures. This includes the regulations governing the operation of polling places and the secure collection of ballots via ballot drop boxes. The bill's singular and clearly defined purpose is to introduce an additional, electronic method for casting a ballot, thereby enhancing voter accessibility without compromising the integrity of our electoral system.

Given that the bill does not introduce any substantive changes to existing election law and considering the significant delay that a public referendum would impose on its intended implementation, particularly for the crucial November 2026 general election, we firmly believe this exemption is in the best interest of the public. This expedited implementation will allow for a timely and efficient rollout of the online voting option, offering our constituents greater flexibility and convenience in participating in the democratic process. It is important to emphasize that, as with all duly enacted acts by the General Assembly, this measure will remain fully subject to the people's inherent power of veto through the constitutionally protected petition process, ensuring continued public oversight and accountability. We anticipate that the Online

Voting Act of 2025 will be a significant step forward in modernizing our state's election procedures.

Signed,

**REBECCA C. NAVARRO**

San Andreas Attorney General

And reviewing panel members

**Johnathan D. Herr**

Chief Justice of the San Andreas Supreme Court

**Alexis D. Holmes**

Legislative Legal Council

**Kaylee A. Middleton**

Associate Justice, San Andreas Supreme Court

**Alison M. Beasley**

Legislative Legal Council

**Frederick R. Springer**

Associate Justice, San Andreas Supreme Court

**Robin A. Bass**

Legislative Legal Council

**Branden J. Higdon**

Associate Justice, San Andreas Supreme Court

**Amirah Vasquez**

Legislative Legal Council

**Heidi J. Smith**

San Andreas Secretary of State

**Michael K. Rowland**

Legal Council, San Andreas Department of State

**Ruby D. Decarlo**

Deputy Attorney General, State of San Andreas

**Nicholas J. Latimer**

Constitution Review Board, San Andreas Department of Law

**Brian K. Hayward**

Constitution Review Board, San Andreas Department of Law

**Gary A. Hines**

Chief Clerk, San Andreas Department of Law

DONE THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS SANTOS, STATE OF SAN

ANDREAS

