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To: The Honorable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, The President of the Senate, The Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Honorable Heidi J. Smith, Secretary of State, And the Attorney General of the State,

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of San Andreas, all legislation pertaining to elections, the state treasury, and education must be submitted to the electorate for approval during the November general election.

I have introduced in the House of Representatives a measure entitled *The Online Voting Act of 2025* (House Bill 25-470). The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the use of secure online voting as a supplemental option to existing paper ballots, thereby enhancing accessibility and potentially increasing voter participation statewide.

This proposal does not alter any existing provisions of state election law. It preserves all current deadlines, eligibility requirements, and physical voting procedures, including regulations concerning polling places and ballot drop boxes. Its sole effect is to permit the additional method of casting a ballot electronically via computer or mobile device.

It is the intent of the legislature that online voting be implemented for the November 2026 general election. However, if this measure were required to be submitted to the voters under the constitutional referendum requirement, it would necessarily appear on the same November 2026 ballot, thereby delaying its intended effect.

Accordingly, I respectfully and formally request an exemption from the referendum requirement under Article VII, Section 4, for the purposes of this legislation. As with all acts duly enacted by the General Assembly, the measure would remain subject to the people's power of veto through the petition process.

Respectfully submitted,
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