

Seventy-Seventh General Assembly

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**GOVERNOR'S VETOES**

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***HOUSE BILL 26-001 — Dual County Elector Act, Vetoed March 3, 2026***

To the Members of the San Andreas General Assembly;

I am returning House Bill 26-001 without my signature.

This bill establishes a process allowing eligible residents with multiple lawful residences to participate in local elections in both counties as certified Dual-County Electors. It further mandates the creation of the Dual-County Elector Information System (DCEIS) to track certifications and automatically suppress duplicate votes in statewide and federal contests.

While I appreciate the author's intent to recognize modern residency patterns and encourage local civic engagement, this bill makes our election integrity excessively reliant on a new and untested technological framework. Entrusting the "one-person, one-vote" principle to an automated system—without a proven track record of security or a rigorous pilot phase—poses an unnecessary risk to public confidence in our democratic process.

Proposals of this magnitude should only be considered after a comprehensive testing phase has demonstrated the system's reliability in non-major elections and after a clear fiscal estimate of the system's long-term costs has been provided to the state.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,  
Isabel Payne

***HOUSE BILL 26-008 — Public Servant Transparency, Vetoed March 28, 2026***

To the members of the San Andreas General Assembly:

I am returning House Bill 26-008 without my signature.

I commend the General Assembly for its intent to promote transparency and accountability within government institutions. These are important and shared goals. However, such efforts must also be balanced with fiscal responsibility and practical implementation considerations.

House Bill 26-008 would mandate the use of body-worn cameras for a broad range of government employees, including those in roles such as parking enforcement and county surveying, and anyone who is tasked with enforcing local codes or state law. While well-intentioned, the bill imposes significant operational and financial obligations on state and local entities without providing a clear or sustainable funding mechanism beyond a general provision that implementation is “subject to appropriation.”

Absent a more defined funding strategy, this mandate risks placing an undue burden on agencies and local governments, potentially diverting resources from other essential services.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,  
Isabel Payne