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RESOLUTION NO. 131-2010

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

A Resolution of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in Support of legislation authorizing conducting the January 4, 2011 Special General Election for State Senator District I utilizing an All Vote By Mail Ballot election.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado find that they support the proposal of legislation to hold the January 4, 2011 Special General Election for the State Senate seat for District I to be held by All Vote by Mail Ballot .

WHEREAS, currently, there is no requirement for reimbursement for costs of the election and the need for the election was unknown at the time the County adopted the current fiscal year budget, and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost to conduct the countywide special election with polling places would be approximately \$300,000 of additional funds not included in this year's budget, and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the savings by conducting the special election utilizing All Vote By Mail is approximately \$45 - \$55,000 and,

WHEREAS, 71 Polling places with associated costs would not have to be opened.

WHEREAS, election equipment including touchscreen and optical scanning voting machines, 1 each per polling place for a total of 150 voting machines would not have to be programmed, tested, delivered, protected and then picked up after the election. This would include renting 5 trucks and hiring 10 warehousemen for drayage.

WHEREAS, the weather during the month of January is always unpredictable, but, the possibility of snow very possible in the higher elevations of our county which could be very difficult for voters and election workers to attend polling places.

WHEREAS, regardless of publicity via the media and interested parties and organizations, the turn out in the past for this type of election is historically low at polling places and Vote by Mail Ballot returns are usually much higher than that of polling places.

WHEREAS, the El Dorado Grand Jury has completed it's 2010 report and in it endorses the use of Vote by Mail Ballot for El Dorado County.

WHEREAS, it would be very difficult to obtain election workers for a January 4, 2011 election due to the previous 2 holidays of Christmas and New Year's Day and the intervening training that would be necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the authorization to utilize the All Vote By Mail process for the January 4, 2011 General Special Election for

Senate District I in El Dorado County as a cost effective, safe, reliable and accessible method to conduct the election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 10th day of August, 2010, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Knight, Briggs, Nutting, Sweeney, Santiago
Noes: None
Absent: None

Attest:
Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: *Marcie McLaughland*
Deputy Clerk

Norma Santiago
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Norma Santiago

I CERTIFY THAT:
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Clerk