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Acquisition History
The State Archives received these records in accordance with California Government Code 9080(b) which requires legislative committees to transfer their records to the State Archives when they are no longer needed by the committee.
Committee History

The Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee is the most recent Senate committee to oversee election law, redistricting and reapportionment, and, beginning in 2005, constitutional amendments.

The first committee that had elections under its purview was Privileges and Elections. It was created as a standing committee of the Senate by the President in 1849. Its purpose was to “examine the returns of the elections of Senators as communicated by the Secretary of State.” In 1851 the committee was renamed simply Elections and appears to have expanded its work to include bills relating to elections as well as the examination of election returns. This committee was renamed Elections and Election Laws in 1903, before reverting back to the Elections Committee in 1913, which it remained until 1967 when it became the Elections and Reapportionment Committee. The committee shorted its name again to simply the Elections Committee in 1985, before reverting back to the Elections and Reapportionment Committee in 1989, a name it kept until 2005, when it became the Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional Amendments Committee.

Throughout the life of the committee its scope appears to have remained that of bills relating to elections and reapportionment, with the addition of hearing constitutional amendments in 2005.

The chairs of these committees from 1900-2006:

Delvin, Robert T. (Rep.), 1901-1902
Beslshaw, C.M. (Rep.), 1903-1904
Leavitt, Frank W. (Rep.), 1905-1906
Walker, George S. (Rep.), 1907-1908
Estudillo, Miguel (Rep.), 1909-1912
Hewitt, Leslie R. (Rep.), 1913-1914
Benson, Frank H. (Rep.), 1915-1916
Flaherty, Lawrence J. (Rep.), 1917-1918
Slater, Herbert W (Dem.), 1919-1926
Fellon, Roy (R-D), 1927-1928, 1931-1932
Merriam, Frank F. (Rep.), 1929-1930
Jespersen, Chris N (R-D), 1933-1934, 1941-1942
Allen, James M. (Dem.), 1937-1938
Hays, Ray W. (Rep.), 1939-1940
Breed, Arthur H., Jr. (R-D), 1943-1944
Biggar, George M. (R-D), 1945-1946
Carter, Oliver J. (Dem.), 1947-1948
Weybret, Fred (R-D), 1949-1950
Dilworth, Nelson S. (R-D), 1951-1958
Cobey, James A. (Dem.), 1959-1960
Richards, Richard D. (Dem.), 1961-1962
Rodda, Albert S. (Dem.), 1963-1965
Mills, James (Dem.), 1967-1968
Deukmejian, George, (Dem.), 1969
Whetmore, James E. 1970
Dymally, Mervyn M. (Dem.), 1971-1974
Rains, Omer L. (Dem.), 1975-1976
Holden, Nate (Dem.), 1977-1978
Keene, Barry (Dem.), 1979-1980
Boatwrite, Daniel E. (Dem.), 1981-1982
Lockyer, Bill, (Dem.), 1983-1984
Carpenter, Paul B. (Dem.), 1985-1986
Marks, Milton, (Dem.), 1987-1994
Karnette, Betty (Dem.), 1997-1998
Murray, Kevin (Dem.), 1999-2000
Perata, Don (Dem.), 2001-2004
Bowen, Debra, (Dem.), 2005-2006

Scope and Content

The bill files document the bills directed to the committee. The files include committee analysis, letters from interested parties, and the comments of affected agencies. These files show the close involvement of the committee in such issues as campaign finance reform, the Political Reform Act and amendments to the Act, term limits, same day registration and voting, voting rights for young people and efforts to engage them in the voting process, online public disclosure, and secure electronic voting. Other issues taken up by the committee included a revision to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices (AB866, 2005) adding sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of topics a candidate would not use to appeal to negatives prejudices during a campaign.

The records also include an early series on contested elections. This series spanning 1850-1937 documents the committee's involvement in examining the election results of contested elections at the senate district level and includes transcripts, reports and related material.

The hearing files span a variety of elections related topics including voter registration and voter turnout, the Political Reform Act of 1974, campaign finance reform, efforts to make elections "English only," electronic voting and voting systems software, the decennial census and redistricting, as well as bill specific hearings.

There is also a second reapportionment specific hearing series, dealing specifically with the various topics, bills, and initiatives important to the committee's reapportionment work. Also included are hearings to present the proposed redistricting. This series, as well as the reapportionment series and reapportionment court cases deal exclusively with the decennial census, reapportionment, and redistricting process. Here researchers will find documentation of the committee's work drafting new congressional, senate, and assembly districts. The reapportionment court cases document the legal challenges to those proposals and the committee's response. The researcher should note that the committee collected redistricting hearing files under both hearing files and reapportionment hearing files and both series should be consulted.

The subject files document the committee's work in areas such as a revision of the Elections Code and the Voting Rights Act, campaign finance, voter discrimination, electronic filing, litigation (again mostly in relation to the reapportionment and redistricting process), and the Census and voting demographics, as well as some reapportionment and redistricting material not found in the Reapportionment series. The correspondence consists of mostly outgoing correspondence from the Committee chairperson. Topics include current legislation and redistricting efforts, the organization of public hearings, as well as day to day administrative details of the committee and committee consultants' work. The maps and data series includes maps and data relating to reapportionment and redistricting, such as census population and demographic data, party registration and election results at the state assembly and senate district level and at the federal congressional district level. This series also includes some correspondence and notes.

The demographic and political profiles are a complete series of profiles for each senate district that were produced by the committee in 1992 and 1993. The miscellaneous reports include mostly reports produced outside the committee on a number of topics including campaign finance, political reform, and reapportionment. This series also includes a number of reports analyzing state propositions in each election cycle. The news clippings are a collection of newspaper and magazine articles collected by the committee on topics relating to the committee's work.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
California. Legislature. Assembly. Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife
Apportionment (Election law) -- Law and legislation
Election law -- California

Related Collections at the California State Archives
James A. Coby Papers
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James E. Whetmore Papers
Barry Keene Papers
Bill Lockyer Papers
Paul Carpenter Papers
Milton Marks Papers
Bill Polanco Papers
Betty Karnette Papers
Kevin Murray Papers
Don Perata Papers
Debra Bowen Papers

**Oral Histories**

**Other Repositories**
Additional records may be found in:
Collection of the California Special Masters on Reapportionment, 1991 at the Institute for Governmental Studies Library, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley California, 94720-6000.
Collection of the California Special Masters on Reapportionment, 1973 at the Institute for Governmental Studies Library, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley California, 94720-6000.

Researchers interested in historical redistricting and reapportionment data should also consult the Statewide Database http://swdb.berkeley.edu/, Institute for Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

**Physical Description:** 436 file folders

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

**Scope and Content Note**
Bill files created by the Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, editorials and newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information.

**Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee, 1967-1984**
- 1969 SB3-SB1404, SCAs, SJR2 (2ff) LP176:116-117
- 1975-1976 SB8-SB1890, SCAs, SCRs, SRs (16ff) LP178:197-210
- 1979-1980 AB4-AB4514, ACA8, ACA21 (16ff) LP178:211-226
- 1979-1980 AB9-AB3431, ACA10-ABA58, AJR21-AJR60 HR13 (13ff) LP257:197-209
- 1982-1983 SB1X-SB3X; AB1X-AB17X, ACA1X (1ff) LP247:198

**Senate Elections Committee, 1985-1988**
- 1985-1986 AB45-AB4154, ACA7, AJR29 (7ff) LP253:199-205

**Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee, 1989-2004**
- 1997-1998 AB44-AB1864 (8ff) LP421:118-125
- 2001-2002 SB3-SB2095 (14ff) LP421:161-174
- 2001-2002 AB2-AB3059, ACA9, ACR90 (18ff) LP421:174-191
- 2003-2004 AB84-AB3102, ACR242, AJR7 (10ff) LP421:209-219

**Senate Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional Amendments Committee, 2005-2006**
- 2005-2006 AB43-AB3063, AJR19, AJR37 (20ff) LP421:243-262

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Scope and Content Note
Contested election files created by the Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee may include transcripts, statements of contest, briefs, depositions, exhibits, election returns, and committee reports on findings.

1850-1851 Alonzo W. Adams, Butte, Shasta Counties (LP1:1153-1168)
1851 Thomas B. Van Buren, San Joaquin County (LP1:911)
1851 Joseph N. Lewis, Butte and Shasta Counties (LP1:1003)
1853 W.F. Tilgham, San Diego County (LP2:498)
1853 D.B. Kurtz, San Diego County (LP2:491-516)
1861 Phillip Thomas, Placer County (LP5)
1864 Henry D. Hamilton, Los Angeles County (LP5)
1865 Patrick W. Murphy, San Luis Obispo County (LP5)
1869 Romualdo Pacheco, Santa Barbara County (LP5)
1874 Theo. Fraser, El Dorado County (LP6:1-10)
1875-1876 Creed Haymond, Sacramento County (LP6:160-162)
1875-1876 John M. Montgomery, Merced and Mariposa Co. (LP6:163-169)
1879-1880 William W. Traylor, San Francisco County (LP6:254-264)
1879 Thorward Klauduis Nelson, San Francisco Co. (LP6:265-269)
1879 Conger, San Francisco County (LP17:13)
1887 P.J. Crimmins, San Francisco (LP7:81-95)
1889 William O. Banks, San Francisco (LP7:191-195)
1889 Frank S. Sprague, Yolo County (LP7:196-208)
1890 J.H. Mahoney, San Francisco (LP7:448-452)
1896-1897 Sydney Hall, San Francisco County (LP8:66-128)
1897 John J. Freeney, San Francisco (LP8:129-135)
1898-1899 R. Porter Ashe, San Francisco (LP8:141-150)
1900-1901 W.B. Lardner, Placer and El Dorado Counties (LP9:81-94)
1902-1903 Frank French, San Francisco (LP10:8-14)
1902-1903 Clifford R. Coggins, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta (LP10:15-17)
1908-1909 John P. Hare, San Francisco (LP11:32-39)
1902-1903 1913-1914 Edwin E. Grant, San Francisco (LP11:90-129)
1918 William B. Shearer, Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc (LP12:10)
1936-1937 Thomas F. Keating, Marin County (LP13:1-7)

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Series 7 Subject Files 1935-1937 1962-2004

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Series 7 Subject Files 1935-1937 1962-2004

Physical Description: 87 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Scope and Content Note
Subject Files created by the Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee include agendas, minutes, reports, demographic and voting patterns data, news clippings and correspondence. Subjects include campaign finance, electronic filings, voter discrimination and demographics, voting rights, the decennial census, and some reapportionment and redistricting material not found in the Reapportionment series.

For an alphabetical list of Subjects, see Appendix E in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information
Appendix E: List of Subject Files

Series 8 Correspondence 1974-2000

Physical Description: 33 file folders

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by year.

Scope and Content Note
Correspondence files created by the Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee consist of mostly outgoing correspondence authored by the Committee chairperson or the Committee consultant. Topics include current legislation and redistricting efforts, the organization of public hearings, as well as day-to-day administrative details of the Committee’s work. From 1996-1999 there is also incoming correspondence from the Senate Rules Committee interfiled within the Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee correspondence.

Correspondence, 1974-1976 (3ff) LP421:799-801
Correspondence, 1982-2000 (30ff) LP421:802-831
Series 9 Maps and Data Files 1963-2001

See Scope and Content for LP Numbers

Physical Description: 35 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by year span and within year span by subject.

Scope and Content Note

This series includes maps and data relating to reapportionment and redistricting. It includes census population and demographic data, party registration and election results data at the state assembly and senate district level and the federal congressional district level. This series also includes redistricting plan maps at the state assembly and senate district level and the federal congressional district level, as well as some related correspondence and notes.

District Maps, 1965-1967 LP125:7
Reapportionment program data, 1971 LP125:1-6
Census reports and data, 1971-1975 LP125:8-10
District Maps, 1973 LP126:1
Congressional Districts, 1978-1979 LP421:832
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Redistricting Data and Correspondence, 1999-2001 LP421:838-839
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Legislative District Maps, 2000 LP421:841
Demographic and Political Maps, 2000-2001 LP421:842
Senate District Maps, 2000 LP421:843
Assembly District Maps, 2000 LP421:844
Congressional District Maps, 2000 LP421:845
Statewide Database, 2000 LP421:846-847
Redistricting District Maps, 2001 LP421:849
Senate Briefing Book, 2001 LP421:850
Census Outreach, 2001 LP421:851
IGS Statewide Database, 1999-2001 LP421:852
MALDEF Correspondence, 2001 LP421:853
Reapportionment (AB632) Data, 2001 LP421:854-855
Redistricting, proposed plans, 2001 LP421:856-858
Redistricting, Davis-Filner Amendment, 2001 LP421:859
AB632, Senate Districts 1-40, 2001 LP421:860-871
Latino Caucus Plan, 2001 LP421:871

Series 10 Demographic and Political Profiles 1992-1993

Physical Description: 80 file folders

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by date, and numerically by Senate district within each year.

Scope and Content Note

This series includes published reports of demographic and political data for each senate district for the years 1992 and 1993.
**Series 11 Miscellaneous Reports 1851-1858 1973-1996**

**Physical Description:** 98 file folders

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically by date.

**Scope and Content Note**
This series includes an early group of committee reports and related papers from the 1850s and a second group of more contemporary reports. Topics include political reform, campaign financing, and analysis of ballot propositions.

- Committee reports and related papers, 1851 (LP1:911-912)
- Committee reports and related papers, 1852 (LP1:1556-1626)
- Committee reports and related papers, 1853 (LP1:2419-2422)
- Committee reports and related papers, 1857 (LP3:481-482)
- Committee reports and related papers, 1858 (LP3:1096)
- Legal briefs, 1973 (LP125:11)
- Campaign finance reform, 1976 (LP155:193)
- Political reform, 1978 (LP421:953)
- Solicitation of Campaign Funds, 1979 (LP421:961)
- Political Reform in the 1980s, 1979 (LP421:962-964)
- Campaign Finance Reform and Reapportionment, 1983 (LP421:965)
- Summary of Ballot Propositions, 1988 (LP421:966)
- Analysis of Propositions, 1988 (LP421:967)
- Assembly Committee on Ethics Transcript, 1989 (LP421:968)
- Analysis of Propositions, 1990-1996 (LP421:969-975)

**Series 12 News Clippings 1980-2004**

**Physical Description:** 15 file folders

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically by year and, within year, alphabetically by county name.

**Scope and Content Note**
This series contains general news clippings related to elections, reapportionment, and the work of the Committee. Researchers should note that news clippings on specific topics can also be found in other series.

- Del Norte County-Lake County, 1980-1981 (LP421:977)
- News clippings, 1983-1984 (LP421:982)
- News clippings, 1985 (LP421:983-984)
- News clippings, 1986 (LP421:985)
- News clippings, 1988 (LP421:986)
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- News clippings, 2000-2004 (LP421:990)