

Calif. to give counties extra cash for election costs

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Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Friday that directs \$16.29 million to counties to help pay for expected high turnout in the June 7 presidential primary and to process a coming deluge of petitions from groups seeking to qualify November ballot measures, including one championed by the Democratic governor.

Assembly Bill 120's signing comes a few weeks after Secretary of State Alex Padilla alerted Brown to a "surge" of voter interest in the June election because of the high-profile Republican presidential primary.

As they plan for that, county election officials face the prospect of trying to verifying as many as 9.4 million petition signatures, Padilla wrote the governor.

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