

California Senate committee approves Trump-proofing measures

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SACRAMENTO, California — The California State Senate is expected to take up three new bills taking aim at President Donald Trump and his policies after quickly ushering them through policy committees this month.

What happened: The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the bills on Thursday, sending them to the full Senate for approval. The proposals were pushed through as amendments to unrelated measures that had stalled.

Elections and immigration: Two of the bills aim to shield California elections from actions threatened by Trump, while the third was introduced in response to the president's immigration raids.

- [SB 46](#) from state Sen. Tom Umberg would prohibit the California secretary of state from putting the name of any presidential candidate on the ballot who does not meet the qualifications of the office — such as already having served two terms.
- [SB 73](#) from state Sen. Sabrina Cervantes would stop the federal government from inspecting California's voting machines without an authorized federal court order.
- [SB 747](#) from state Sens. Scott Wiener and Aisha Wahab would allow Californians to sue government officials, including federal immigration agents, for alleged violations of their constitutional rights.

Key context: Senate Appropriations Chair Anna Caballero said the immigration bill was amended to “narrow the remedy for retroactive claims” and to remove its urgency clause, which would have allowed it to take effect immediately after being signed into law.

What's next: The Senate has until Jan. 31 to pass the bills under a deadline to advance legislation introduced last year that remains in its House of Origin. The bills would then move through the Assembly on the same schedule as the rest of the bills introduced this year.