This sheet is intended as a static reference guide for EERI Citizen Advocates to understand their state legislative structure.

Revised 5.29.2020

LEGISLATURE
Assembly
80 Members, 2 year terms

Senate
40 Members, 4 year terms

Term limits restrict total legislative service to 12 years

Find your reps at:
http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/

SESSION
California’s legislature meets every even year starting in December. Session runs until 30 November of the next even year, with long recesses every fall.

Find the legislative calendars at:
http://www.legislature.ca.gov/calendar_schedules.html

CALIFORNIA
MAJOR FAULTS:
- San Andreas runs N-S bisecting the State except for areas north of Point Arena, CA
- Smaller, regionally important faults include: Hayward, San Jacinto, Newport-Inglewood, and others

SIGNIFICANT SEISMIC HISTORY:
2019 – Ridgecrest (M7.1)
1994 – Northridge (M6.7)
1989 – Loma Prieta (M6.9)
1971 – San Fernando (M6.5)
1906 – San Francisco (M7.5)

SCENARIOS & DRILLS:
- Great Southern CA ShakeOut
- Community Action Plan for Seismic Safety, ATC-52-2
- Hayward Fault Scenario
- HayWired Scenario
- San Diego Scenario
- Annual CA ShakeOut Drill

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:
EERI Legislative Action Center

CA Legislative Database
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

Seismic Safety Commission
https://ssc.ca.gov/

The ideal time to suggest legislative ideas to your state representatives is from September to November prior to the Session’s start.

The following are some committees which consider seismic legislation:
- Appropriations (Asm. & Sen.)
- Housing (Sen.)
- Insurance (Asm. & Sen.)
- Veteran’s Affairs (Asm. & Sen.)
- Governmental Organization (Asm. & Sen.)
- Housing and Community Development (Asm.)
- Rules (Asm. & Sen.)
- Budget (Asm. & Sen.)

Committee websites are found at:
https://www.senate.ca.gov/committees & https://www.assembly.ca.gov/committees

QUESTIONS? policy@eeri.org