

82% of California Voters Support Warrant for Digital Information Included In SB 178

California voters across the political spectrum have spoken up loud and clear – they overwhelmingly want to see change and require the police to get a warrant to access digital information – the exact protections in SB 178.

The major findings of the statewide poll conducted in July 2015:

- 82 percent support requiring a warrant prior to the police getting access to email
- 82 percent support requiring a warrant prior to the police getting access to internet activity
- 79 percent support a warrant requirement for tracking cell phone activity
- **77 percent support** a warrant requirement for accessing text messages

SB 178 ensures that there is warrant protection for digital information, while including thoughtful exceptions for law enforcement to use in the event of emergencies and other public safety needs.

SB 178 is strongly supported by the state's leading technology companies and organizations All of California's major law enforcement associations are neutral on the bill. The bill has broad bipartisan support, jointly authored by Senators Leno and Anderson, Principal co-author Assemblymember Gatto, and co- authored by Senators Canella, Gaines, Hertzberg, Hill, McGuire, Nielsen and Roth and Assemblymembers Chiu, Dahle, Gordon, Maienschein, Obernolte, Quirk, Ting, and Weber.

It's time to listen to Californians. It's time to update privacy protections for the modern digital age. It's time to pass SB 178!