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(*Sacramento, California*) The California Senior Legislature (CSL) is comprised of dedicated community volunteers representing all 58 counties in the state. Their primary mission is to gather ideas for model legislation for consideration at the State and Federal levels. CSL members craft these ideas into formal proposals, prioritize and present them to the Legislature or Congress, and advocate for laws that improve the quality of life for aging Californians. The CSL is primarily funded through a voluntary check off on the California State Income Tax Return - identified as the "CA Fund for Senior Citizens" (CODE 402 of your State Income Tax Form).

The CSL was founded largely through the efforts of Senator Henry Mello, who in 1980 requested the California Commission on Aging call a session of "the Silver-Haired Legislature." Two years later, the session became known as the "California Senior Legislature" and Senator Mello through SCR 44, asked that this be an annual event. During the annual session of the CSL which is convened every October, hearings on proposals developed by members are held in policy committees of the Senior Senate and the Senior Assembly.

Between the annual sessions, the work of CSL continues with the guidance of two standing committees. The Joint Rules Committee provides for the governance of the CSL and plans the annual session. The Legislative Committee directs the presentation of proposals to the Legislature or Congress.

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