



The Future of Vote-by-Mail in California

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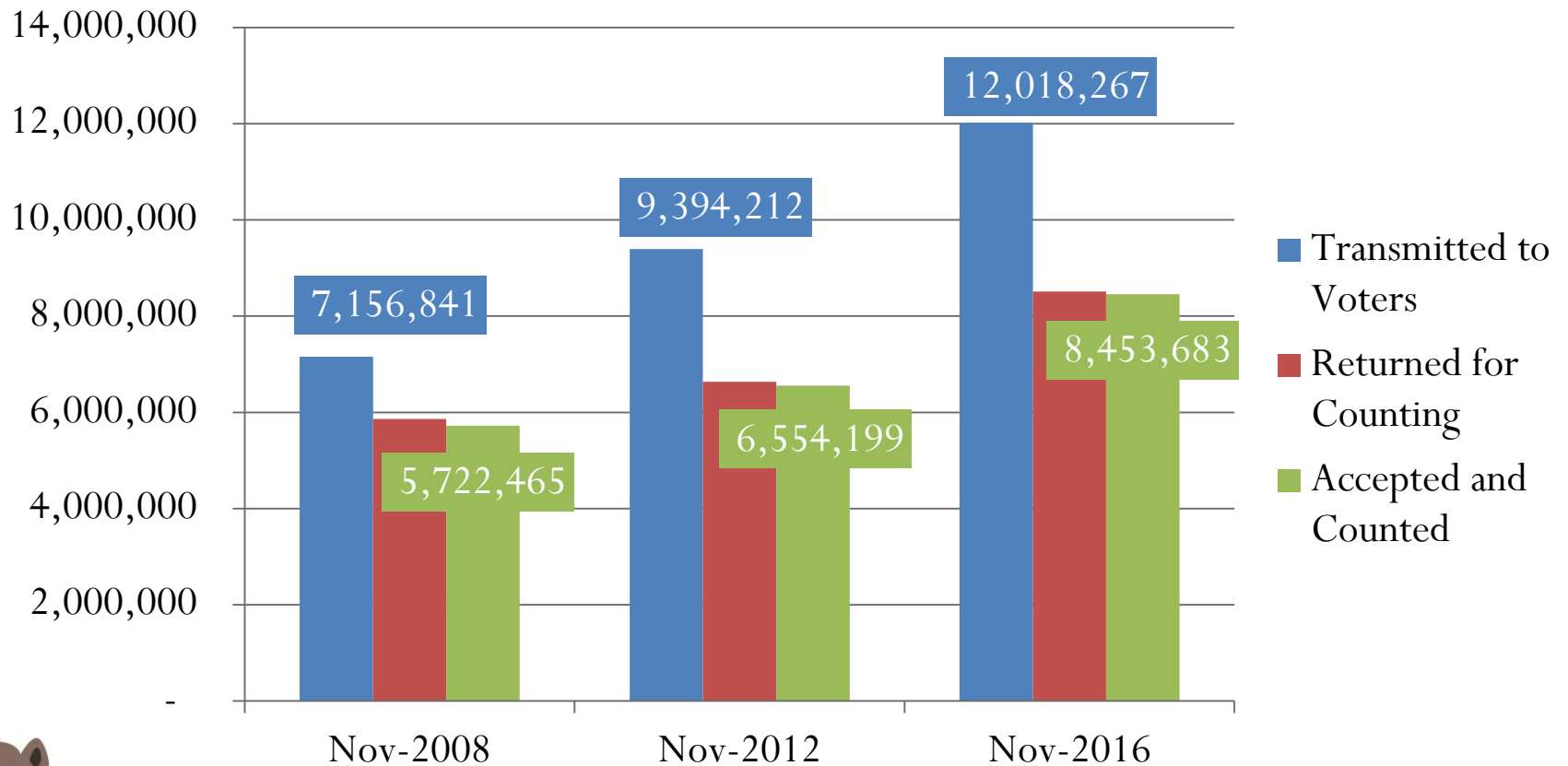
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- Comparisons to other states
- The Voters Choice Act (SB 450) and related regulations
- Improvements and recommendations



Vote-by-mail usage in California

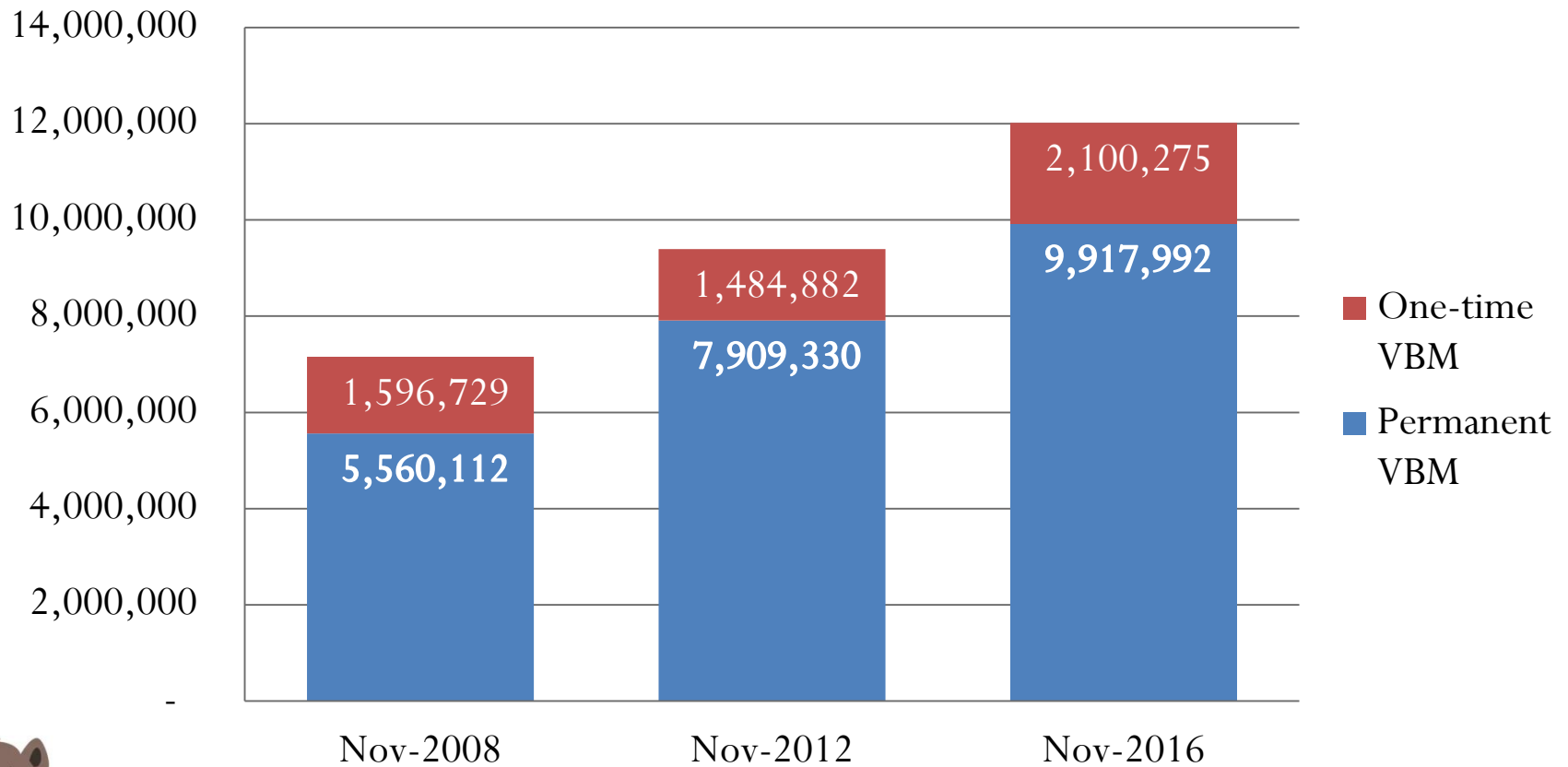
Transmitted Vote-by-Mail Ballots



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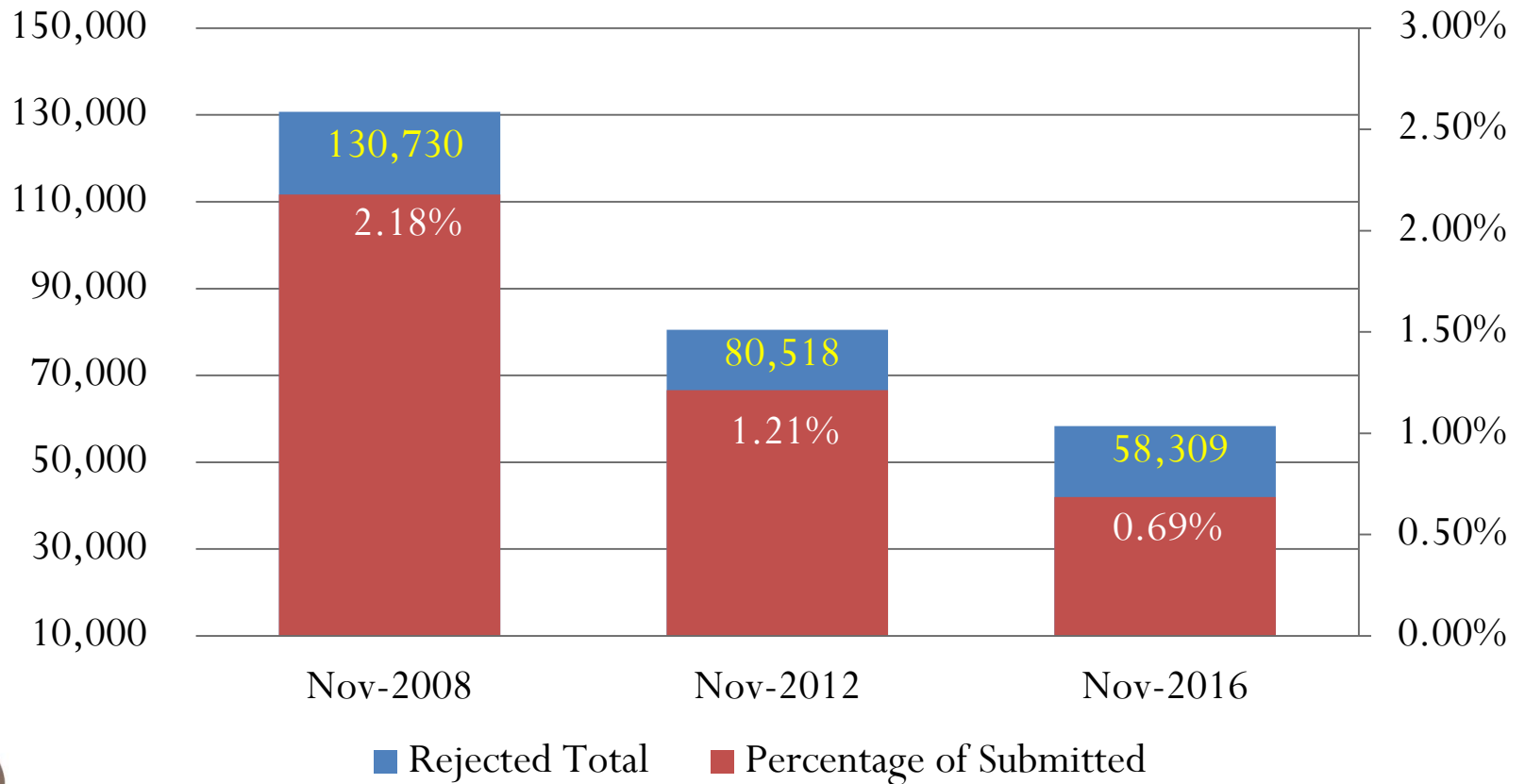
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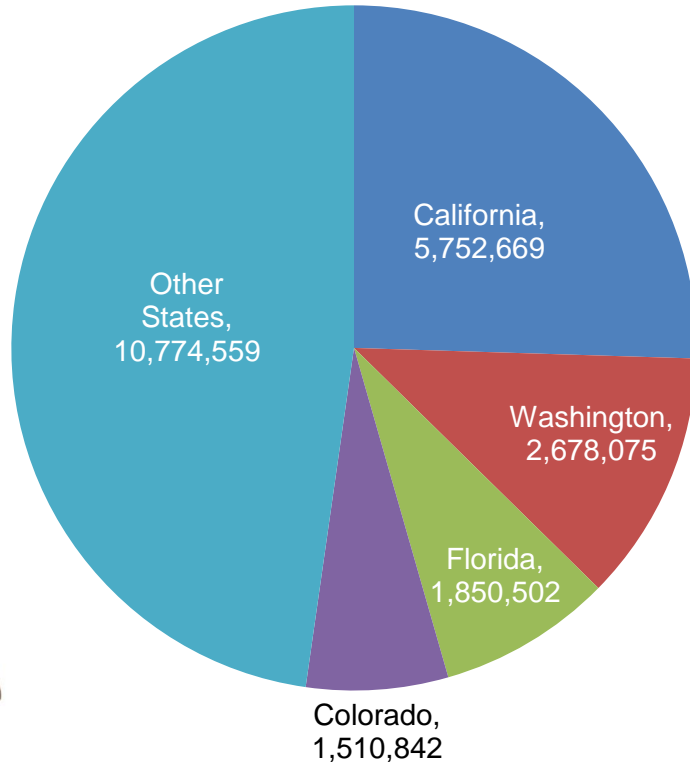
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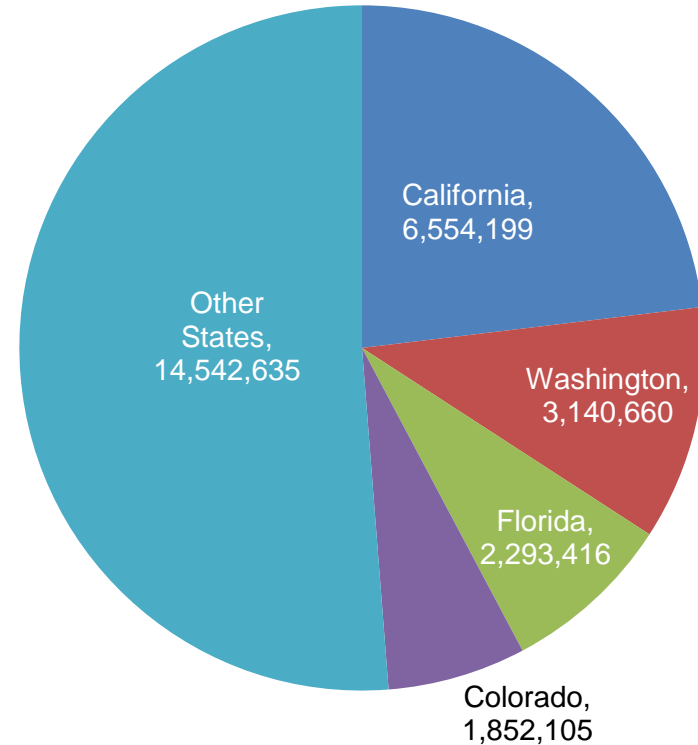
Comparisons to other states

Vote-by-Mail Ballots Cast Nationwide

Nov 2008



Nov 2012



The Voters Choice Act (SB 450) and related regulations



2017 Regulations

- Vote by Mail / Provisional Ballot Processing
- Vote-by-Mail Drop Boxes
- Vote Centers
- Ballot Printing – Ballot on Demand
- ePollbooks
- VoteCal
- Early Ballot Pick-up
- Conditional Voter Registration
- New Motor Voter
- Recounts



Improvements and recommendations



Planned improvements:

- Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM)
- Ballot forwarding by county elections officials
- Increased number of ballot drop-off locations



Improvements and recommendations



Future ideas:

- Extend deadline to E+8 with postmark
- Uniform ballot envelope
- Notices and reminders about mailing dates
- Electronic tracking of ballots



Thank you

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