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Alex Padilla is currently the California Secretary of State after winning the election on November 5, 2014. He previously served in the [California State Senate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_State_Senate), representing the [20th District](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California%27s_20th_State_Senate_district) (Los Angeles and San Bernardino County) after his election to the position in [November 2006](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_elections,_2006).

Under the leadership of Alex Padilla, the Senate Bill 135, Earthquake Early Warning System, was approved by the Governor on September 24, 2013. The bill went into effect in January 2014 and required the state Office of Emergency Services to develop a statewide earthquake early-warning system to alert Californians in advance of dangerous shaking.

The initial cost to build and operate the system for five years is $80 million. The system has been on track to be operational by January 2016.