

AB 2395: MYTH VS. FACT

Rural counties are NOT being told the whole story. They are being fed misinformation that would keep rural counties dependent on the plain-old-telephone-service (POTS) network. The bill will help accelerate the deployment of modern communications networks in California by gradually transitioning away from the costly and outdated POTS network.

Myth	Fact
<p><i>This bill will take away the home phone...</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Nobody is going to have home service taken away from them. Period. Consumers will either get newer, more advanced home phones or keep the same service they have today.✓ AB 2395 requires consumer education and outreach. Any alternative to POTS must meet FCC standards.✓ The transition to alternative services will begin no sooner than 2020.
<p><i>Seniors, rural and low income consumers need POTS...</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Advanced services bring better access to educational, economic, healthcare and civic opportunities.✓ Everyone deserves access to the latest technology. We can't afford to leave rural communities stuck using yesterday's technology.
<p><i>Public safety services depend on POTS...</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ AB 2395 requires that any alternative to POTS must provide access to 911 and emergency services. Those services must meet government standards.✓ First responders and 911 call centers are upgrading to advanced networks and services so they can send and receive messages, videos and data.✓ New technology is improving emergency services for first responders and consumers.

Cellphones will be the only phone option...

- ✓ Consumers will either get newer, more **advanced home phones** or **keep the same service** they have today.
- ✓ Any alternative to POTS **must provide voice grade service** and meet FCC standards.
- ✓ Most communities will have **access to advanced technologies** such as wireline VoIP, fixed home wireless and other IP-based services.
- ✓ Remember **the transition will begin no sooner than 2020**, so other more advanced technologies may become available for consumers.

Rural communities have nothing to gain from this bill...

- ✓ AB 2395 **creates a roadmap for all of California** to continue the migration to an IP network.
- ✓ **Rural communities should NOT be stuck** using outdated POTS technology indefinitely.
- ✓ The bill will **help accelerate the deployment of modern communications networks** in California by gradually transitioning away from the costly and outdated POTS network.