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An act to amend Sections 9084 and 9086 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.



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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 9084 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

9084. The state voter information guide shall contain all of the following:

- (a) A complete copy of each state measure.
- (b) ~~Before (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), before~~ each state measure, a conspicuous notice that identifies the location on the Secretary of State's ~~Internet Web site~~ internet website of the specific constitutional or statutory provision that the state measure would repeal or revise.
- (2) The text of a measure relating to debts and liabilities, including a bond measure, shall be printed in the state voter information guide as required by Section 1 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.
- (c) A copy of the arguments and rebuttals for and against each state measure.
- (d) A copy of the analysis of each state measure.
- (e) Tables of contents, indexes, art work, graphics, and other materials that the Secretary of State determines will make the state voter information guide easier to understand or more useful for the average voter.
- (f) A notice, conspicuously printed on the cover of the state voter information guide, indicating that additional copies of the state voter information guide will be mailed by the county elections official upon request.
- (g) A written explanation of the judicial retention procedure as required by Section 9083.
- (h) The Voter Bill of Rights pursuant to Section 2300.
- (i) If the ballot contains an election for the office of United States Senator, information on candidates for United States Senator. A candidate for United States Senator may purchase the space to place a statement in the state voter information guide that does not exceed 250 words. The statement shall not make any reference to any opponent of the candidate. The statement shall be submitted in accordance with timeframes and procedures set forth by the Secretary of State for the preparation of the state voter information guide.
- (j) If the ballot contains a question on the confirmation or retention of a justice of the Supreme Court, information on justices of the Supreme Court who are subject to confirmation or retention.
- (k) If the ballot contains an election for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, a notice that refers voters to the Secretary of State's ~~Internet Web site~~ internet website for information about candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States.
- (l) A written explanation of the appropriate election procedures for party-nominated, voter-nominated, and nonpartisan offices as required by Section 9083.5.
- (m) A written explanation of the top 10 contributor lists required by Section 84223 of the Government Code, including a description of the ~~Internet Web sites~~ internet websites where those lists are available to the public.

SEC. 2. Section 9086 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

9086. The state voter information guide shall contain as to each state measure to be voted upon, the following, in the order set forth in this section:



(a) (1) Upon the top portion of the first page, and not exceeding one-third of the page, shall appear:

(A) Identification of the measure by number and title.

(B) The official summary prepared by the Attorney General.

(C) The total number of votes cast for and against the measure in both the State Senate and Assembly, if the measure was passed by the Legislature.

(2) The space in the title and summary that is used for an explanatory table prepared pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 9087 and Section 88003 of the Government Code shall not be included when measuring the amount of space the information described in paragraph (1) has taken for purposes of determining compliance with the restriction prohibiting the information described in paragraph (1) from exceeding one-third of the page.

(b) Beginning at the top of the right page shall appear the analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst if the analysis fits on a single page. If it does not fit on a single page, the analysis shall begin on the lower portion of the first left page and shall continue on subsequent pages until it is completed.

(c) Immediately below the analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst shall appear a printed statement that refers voters to the Secretary of State's ~~Internet Web site~~ internet website for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose a ballot measure, and information on how to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

(d) Arguments for and against the measure shall be placed on the next left and right pages, respectively, following the final page of the analysis of the Legislative Analyst. The rebuttals shall be placed immediately below the arguments.

(e) If an argument against the measure has not been submitted, the argument for the measure shall appear on the right page facing the analysis.

(f) Before each state measure, a conspicuous notice identifying the location on the Secretary of State's ~~Internet Web site~~ internet website of the complete text of the state measure. The Secretary of State's ~~Internet Web Site~~ internet website shall contain the provisions of the proposed measure and the existing laws repealed or revised by the measure. The provisions of the proposed measure differing from the existing laws affected shall be distinguished in print, so as to facilitate comparison. There shall be printed immediately below each state measure, except for a measure relating to debts and liabilities under Section 1 of Article XVI of the Constitution, including a bond measure, in no less than 10-point bold type, a legend substantially as follows: "If you desire a copy of the full text of the state measure, please call the Secretary of State at (insert toll-free telephone number) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

(g) The following statement shall be printed at the bottom of each page where arguments appear: "Arguments printed on this page are the opinions of the authors, and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency."



## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_  
as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_  
General Subject: Elections: state voter information guide: bond measures.

The California Constitution requires the ballot pamphlets printed by the Secretary of State to include the complete text of proposed measures that create debts or liabilities of the state. Existing law requires the Secretary of State's internet website to contain the complete text of the proposed measure, and requires the state voter information guide to include before each measure a conspicuous notice that identifies the location on the secretary's internet website of the complete text of the state measure and a notice that identifies the location on the website of the specific constitutional or statutory provision that the measure would repeal or revise.

This bill would require that the text of a measure relating to debts and liabilities of the state, including a bond measure, be printed in the state voter information guide consistent with the constitutional provisions described above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

