

Introduced by Senator Padilla

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 9001 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1233, as introduced, Padilla. Initiative and referendum petitions: circulating title and summary.

Existing law require the proponents of an initiative or referendum petition, prior to circulating the petition for signatures, to submit the text of the proposed measure to the Attorney General with a written request that a circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure be prepared.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

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

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9001 of the Elections Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 9001. (a) Prior to the circulation of ~~any~~ *an* initiative or
- 4 referendum petition for signatures, the text of the proposed measure
- 5 shall be submitted to the Attorney General with a written request
- 6 that a circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points
- 7 of the proposed measure be prepared. The electors presenting the
- 8 request shall be known as the "proponents." The Attorney General

1 shall preserve the written request until after the next general
2 election.

3 (b) Each ~~and every~~ proponent of ~~any~~ a proposed initiative
4 measure shall, at the time of submitting the text of the proposed
5 measure, provide both of the following:

6 (1) An original signed certification stating that “I, (insert name),
7 declare under penalty of perjury that I am a citizen of the United
8 States, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of (insert county),
9 California.”

10 (2) Public contact information.

11 (c) The proponents of ~~any~~ an initiative measure, at the time of
12 submitting the text of the proposed measure to the Attorney
13 General, shall pay a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200), which shall
14 be placed in a trust fund in the office of the Treasurer and refunded
15 to the proponents if the measure qualifies for the ballot within two
16 years from the date the summary is furnished to the proponents.
17 If the measure does not qualify within that period, the fee shall be
18 immediately paid into the General Fund of the state.

19 (d) All referenda and proposed initiative measures ~~must~~ shall
20 be submitted to the Attorney General’s Initiative Coordinator
21 located in the Sacramento Attorney General’s Office via ~~U.S.~~
22 *United States* Postal Service, alternative mail service, or personal
23 delivery. Only printed documents will be accepted; facsimile or
24 e-mail delivery will not be accepted.

25 (e) The Attorney ~~General’s office~~ *General* shall not deem a
26 request for a circulating title and summary submitted until all of
27 the requirements of this section are met.