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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 193

Introduced by Assembly Member Logue

January 28, 2013

An act to amend Section 9287 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 193, as amended, Logue. Municipal ballot measures: arguments.

Existing law permits a city ballot measure to be placed on the ballot and submitted to the voters of the city by petition or by the legislative body of the city. Existing law specifies procedures applicable to the preparation, submittal, and printing of arguments for and against a city ballot measure that qualifies for a place on the ballot. If more than one argument for or more than one argument against a city measure is submitted, existing law requires the city elections official to select one of the arguments for and one of the arguments against the measure for printing and distribution to the voters. In selecting the arguments, existing law requires the city elections official to give preference and priority, in the order named, to the arguments from specified persons, first of which are the arguments from the legislative body of the city, or a member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body.

This bill would instead require the city elections official, *for a measure placed on the ballot by the legislative body*, to give preference and priority to the ~~arguments~~ *argument* of the legislative body, or a member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body; *only* if the ~~arguments are in favor of a measure that is placed on the ballot by the~~

~~legislative body~~ argument is consistent with the position taken by the legislative body on the measure.

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 9287 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:

3 9287. (a) If more than one argument for or more than one
4 argument against a city ballot measure is submitted to the city
5 elections official within the time prescribed, he or she shall select
6 one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against
7 the measure for printing and distribution to the voters.

8 (b) In selecting the argument in favor of or against a measure
9 placed on the ballot by petition, the city elections official shall
10 give preference and priority, in the order named, to the arguments
11 of the following:

12 (1) The individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or
13 combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide
14 sponsors or proponents of the measure.

15 (2) Bona fide associations of citizens.

16 (3) Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.

17 (c) In selecting the argument in favor of or against a measure
18 placed on the ballot by the legislative body, the city elections
19 official shall give preference and priority, in the order named, to
20 the arguments of the following:

21 (1) The legislative body, or a member or members of the
22 legislative body authorized by that body; ~~if the member's argument~~
23 ~~is in favor of~~ consistent with the position taken by that body on
24 the measure.

25 (2) Bona fide associations of citizens.

26 (3) Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.