

**Introduced by Senator Anderson**

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An act to amend Section 9004 of the Elections Code, relating to initiatives.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 931, as introduced, Anderson. Initiative measures: circulating title and summary.

Existing law requires, prior to the circulation of any initiative or referendum petition for signatures, that the text of the proposed measure be submitted 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. Existing law requires the Attorney General to prepare this title and summary upon receiving the text of the proposed measure and prescribes the manner in which the Attorney General is to prepare the document.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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 9004 of the Elections Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 9004. (a) Upon receipt of the text of a proposed initiative
- 4 measure, the Attorney General shall prepare a circulating title and
- 5 summary of the chief purposes and points of the proposed measure.
- 6 The circulating title and summary shall not exceed a total of 100

1 words. The Attorney General shall also provide a unique numeric  
2 identifier for each proposed initiative measure. The circulating  
3 title and summary shall be prepared in the manner provided for  
4 the preparation of ballot titles and summaries in Article 5  
5 (commencing with Section 9050), the provisions of which, in  
6 regard to the preparation, filing, and settlement of ballot titles and  
7 summaries, are hereby made applicable to the circulating title and  
8 summary.

9 (b) The Attorney General shall provide a copy of the circulating  
10 title and summary and its unique numeric identifier to the  
11 proponents and to the Secretary of State within 15 days after receipt  
12 of the fiscal estimate or opinion prepared by the Department of  
13 Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee pursuant to  
14 Section 9005. The date the copy is delivered or mailed to the  
15 proponents is the “official summary date.”

16 (c) Upon receipt of the circulating title and summary from the  
17 Attorney General, the Secretary of State shall, within one business  
18 day, notify the proponents and county elections official of each  
19 county of the official summary date and provide a copy of the  
20 circulating title and summary to each county elections official.  
21 This notification shall also include a complete schedule ~~showing~~  
22 *that specifies* the maximum filing deadline; and the certification  
23 deadline by the counties to the Secretary of State.