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No. 1253

Introduced by Senator Steinberg
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(Coauthors: Assembly Members Gatto, Mullin, Quirk-Silva, and Ting)

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An act to amend Sections 9, 101, 9002, 9004, 9005, 9014, 9030, 9031, 9033, 9034, 9051, 9082.7, 9094.5, 9604, and 18621 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1253, as amended, Steinberg. Initiative measures.

(1) Under existing law, the text of a proposed initiative measure is required to be submitted to the Attorney General for preparation of a circulating title and summary before the petition may be circulated for signatures. Existing law requires the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee to jointly develop an estimate of the fiscal impact of the initiative measure and to deliver that fiscal estimate to the Attorney General within 25 working days, except as specified, for inclusion in the circulating title and summary. Existing

law further requires the Secretary of State, upon request of the proponents of an initiative measure, to review the provisions of the initiative measure and to comment on the provisions of the measure with respect to form and language clarity.

This bill would require the Attorney General, upon receipt of a request to prepare the circulating title and summary, to initiate a 30-day public review process for the proposed initiative measure, as specified. The bill would require that the fiscal estimate be prepared jointly by the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst. The bill would require the estimate to be delivered to the Attorney General within 50 days of the date of receipt of the proposed initiative measure by the Attorney General instead of 25 working days from the receipt of the final version of the proposed initiative measure.

(2) Existing law prohibits a petition for a proposed initiative or referendum measure from being circulated prior to the official summary date, and prohibits a petition with signatures on a proposed initiative measure from being filed with the county elections official later than 150 days from the official summary date.

This bill would extend the date that a petition with signatures on a proposed initiative measure is required to be filed with the county elections official to not later than 180 days from the official summary date.

(3) Existing law requires the Secretary of State to notify the proponents, and immediately transmit to the elections official or registrar of voters of every county or city and county in the state a certificate, when the Secretary of State has received from one or more elections officials or registrars a petition certified to have been signed by the requisite number of qualified voters.

This bill would instead require the Secretary of State to issue a notice directing that signature verification be terminated. The bill would require the Secretary of State to identify the date of the next statewide election and, on the 131st day prior to that election, to issue a certificate of qualification certifying that the initiative measure is qualified for the ballot at that election. The bill would provide that, upon the issuance of that certification, the initiative measure would be deemed qualified for the ballot for purposes of specified provisions of the California Constitution.

(4) Under existing law, the Secretary of State is required to transmit copies of an initiative measure and its circulating title and summary to the Senate and the Assembly after the measure is certified to appear on

the ballot for consideration by the voters. Existing law requires that each house of the Legislature assign the initiative measure to its appropriate committees, and that the committees hold joint public hearings on the subject of the proposed measure prior to the date of the election at which the measure is to be voted upon, as specified.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to transmit copies of the initiative measure and circulating title and summary to the Legislature after receiving a certification from the initiative proponents, signed under penalty of perjury, that they have collected 25% of the number of signatures needed to qualify the initiative measure for the ballot. The bill would require the appropriate committees of the Senate and Assembly to hold the joint public hearing on the subject of the measure not later than 131 days prior to the date of the election at which the measure is to be voted upon.

(5) Existing law requires the Secretary of State to disseminate the complete state ballot pamphlet over the Internet and to establish a process to enable a voter to opt out of receiving the state ballot pamphlet by mail. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to develop a program to utilize modern communications and information processing technology to enhance the availability and accessibility of information on statewide candidates and ballot initiatives, including making information available online as well as through other information processing technology.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to establish processes to enable a voter to receive the state ballot pamphlet in an electronic format instead of by mail. The bill would also require the Secretary of State to create an Internet Web site, or use other available technology, to consolidate information about each ballot measure in a manner that is easy for voters to access and understand. The Internet Web site would be required to include a summary of each ballot measure and to identify the donors and other sources of funding for the campaigns for and against each ballot measure.

(6) Existing law authorizes the proponents of a statewide initiative or referendum measure to withdraw the measure at any time before filing the petition with the appropriate elections official. Existing law also requires that state initiative petitions circulated for signature include a prescribed notice to the public.

This bill would authorize the proponents of a statewide initiative or referendum measure to have the measure withdrawn from the ballot at any time before the measure qualifies for the ballot. The bill would

require a petition for a statewide initiative measure to contain additional prescribed language in its notice to the public describing the right of proponents to withdraw the measure from the ballot, as specified.

(7) Existing law makes certain activities relating to the circulation of an initiative, referendum, or recall petition a criminal offense.

This bill would make it a crime for a proponent of a statewide initiative measure to seek, solicit, bargain for, or obtain any money or thing of value of or from any person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of withdrawing an initiative petition after filing it with the appropriate elections official. By establishing a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(8) This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 9031 of the Elections Code proposed by AB 2219 that would become operative if this bill and AB 2219 are both enacted and this bill is enacted last. The bill would also incorporate additional changes in Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code proposed by SB 844 that would become operative only if SB 844 and this bill are both enacted and this bill is enacted last. The bill would also incorporate additional changes to Section 18621 of the Elections Code proposed by SB 1043 that would become operative if this bill and SB 1043 are both enacted and this bill is enacted last.

(9) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 Ballot Initiative Transparency Act.
- 3 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
- 4 (a) Initiative measures, also known as ballot measures or
- 5 propositions, allow California voters to participate directly in
- 6 lawmaking. California voters have enjoyed the right to enact laws
- 7 through the initiative process since 1911. However, many voters
- 8 find it difficult to understand the language of an initiative measure
- 9 and to learn who is behind an initiative measure.

1 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to update
2 the initiative process, which is more than 100 years old, by doing
3 all of the following:

4 (1) Providing voters with more useful information so that they
5 are able to make an informed decision about an initiative measure.
6 Under this act, the Secretary of State would be required to give
7 voters one-stop access to a clear explanation of each measure and
8 information about the individuals and groups behind each measure.
9 This would give voters updated information about who is spending
10 large sums of money to support or oppose each initiative measure.
11 Voters would also be allowed to request an electronic copy of
12 ballot materials, thereby reducing the expenses of printing and
13 mailing.

14 (2) Providing a voter-friendly explanation of each initiative
15 measure. The act would require that ballot materials be drafted in
16 clear and impartial language.

17 (3) Identifying and correcting flaws in an initiative measure
18 before it appears on the ballot. Currently, proponents of an initiative
19 measure have few options to correct the language of an initiative
20 measure or to withdraw a petition for a proposed initiative measure,
21 even when flaws are identified. This act would give voters an
22 opportunity to comment on an initiative measure before the petition
23 is circulated for signatures. Public comment may address perceived
24 errors in the drafting of, or perceived unintended consequences
25 of, the proposed initiative measure. By extending the time for
26 gathering signatures, this act would give the Legislature the
27 opportunity to hold earlier public hearings to review initiative
28 measures. This act would also allow the proponents of an initiative
29 measure to withdraw the measure after the petition and signatures
30 are submitted to elections officials, but before the measure qualifies
31 for the ballot.

32 SEC. 3. Section 9 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

33 9. (a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be
34 as follows:

35 (1) Punctuation is not counted.

36 (2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified
37 in this section.

38 (3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be
39 considered as one word; for example, “City and County of San
40 Francisco” shall be counted as one word.

1 (4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be
2 counted as one word.

3 (5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available
4 standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at
5 any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the
6 election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as
7 one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted
8 as a separate word.

9 (6) Dates shall be counted as one word.

10 (7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered
11 as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as “one,” shall
12 be considered as a separate word or words. “One” shall be counted
13 as one word whereas “one hundred” shall be counted as two words.
14 “100” shall be counted as one word.

15 (8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.

16 (9) Internet Web site addresses shall be counted as one word.

17 (b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot
18 designations under Section 13107.

19 SEC. 4. Section 101 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

20 101. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a state or local
21 initiative petition required to be signed by voters shall contain in
22 12-point type, before that portion of the petition for voters’
23 signatures, printed names, and residence addresses, the following
24 language:

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26 “NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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28 THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID
29 SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE
30 THE RIGHT TO ASK.”

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32 (b) A state initiative petition shall contain, in the same location
33 and type size described in subdivision (a), the following language:

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35 “THE PROPONENTS OF THIS PROPOSED INITIATIVE
36 MEASURE HAVE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW THIS
37 PETITION AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE MEASURE
38 QUALIFIES FOR THE BALLOT.”

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40 SEC. 5. Section 9002 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

1 9002. (a) Upon receipt of a request from the proponents of a
2 proposed initiative measure for a circulating title and summary,
3 the Attorney General shall initiate a public review process for a
4 period of 30 days by doing all of the following:

5 (1) Posting the text of the proposed initiative measure on the
6 Attorney General’s Internet Web site.

7 (2) Inviting, and providing for the submission of, written public
8 comments on the proposed initiative measure on the Attorney
9 General’s Internet Web site. The site shall accept written public
10 comments for the duration of the public review period. The written
11 public comments shall be public records, available for inspection
12 upon request pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section
13 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, but shall
14 not be displayed to the public on the Attorney General’s Internet
15 Web site during the public review period. The Attorney General
16 shall transmit any written public comments received during the
17 public review period to the proponents of the proposed initiative
18 measure.

19 (b) During the public review period, the proponents of the
20 proposed initiative measure may submit amendments to the
21 measure that are reasonably germane to the theme, purpose, or
22 subject of the initiative measure as originally proposed. However,
23 amendments shall not be submitted if the initiative measure as
24 originally proposed would not effect a substantive change in law.

25 (1) An amendment shall be submitted with a signed request by
26 all the proponents to prepare a circulating title and summary using
27 the amended language.

28 (2) An amendment shall be submitted to the Attorney General’s
29 Initiative Coordinator located in the Attorney General’s Sacramento
30 Office via United States Postal Service, alternative mail service,
31 or personal delivery. Only printed documents shall be accepted;
32 facsimile or email delivery shall not be accepted.

33 (3) The submission of an amendment shall not extend the period
34 to prepare the estimate required by Section 9005.

35 (4) An amendment shall not be accepted more than five days
36 after the public review period is concluded. However, a proponent
37 shall not be prohibited from proposing a new initiative measure
38 and requesting that a circulating title and summary be prepared
39 for that measure pursuant to Section 9001.

40 SEC. 6. Section 9004 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

1 9004. (a) Upon receipt of the text of a proposed initiative
2 measure, and after the public review period provided for in Section
3 9002, the Attorney General shall prepare a circulating title and
4 summary of the chief purposes and points of the proposed measure.
5 The circulating title and summary shall not exceed 100 words. The
6 Attorney General shall also provide a unique numeric identifier
7 for each proposed initiative measure. The circulating title and
8 summary shall be prepared in the manner provided for the
9 preparation of ballot titles and summaries in Article 5 (commencing
10 with Section 9050), the provisions of which, in regard to the
11 preparation, filing, and settlement of ballot titles and summaries,
12 are applicable to the circulating title and summary.

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

20 (c) Upon receipt of the circulating title and summary from the
21 Attorney General, the Secretary of State shall, within one business
22 day, notify the proponents and county elections official of each
23 county of the official summary date and provide a copy of the
24 circulating title and summary to each county elections official.
25 This notification shall also include a complete schedule showing
26 the maximum filing deadline, and the certification deadline by the
27 counties to the Secretary of State.

28 SEC. 7. Section 9005 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

29 9005. (a) The Attorney General, in preparing a circulating title
30 and summary for a proposed initiative measure, shall, in boldface
31 print, include in the circulating title and summary either the
32 estimate of the amount of any increase or decrease in revenues or
33 costs to the state or local government, or an opinion as to whether
34 or not a substantial net change in state or local finances would
35 result if the proposed initiative is adopted.

36 (b) The estimate as required by this section shall be made jointly
37 by the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst, who
38 shall deliver the estimate to the Attorney General so that he or she
39 may include the estimate in the circulating title and summary
40 prepared by him or her.

1 (c) The estimate shall be delivered to the Attorney General
2 within 50 days of the date of receipt of the proposed initiative
3 measure by the Attorney General, unless, in the opinion of both
4 the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst, a
5 reasonable estimate of the net impact of the proposed initiative
6 measure cannot be prepared within the 50-day period. In the latter
7 case, the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst shall,
8 within the 50-day period, give the Attorney General their opinion
9 as to whether or not a substantial net change in state or local
10 finances would result if the proposed initiative measure is adopted.

11 (d) A statement of fiscal impact prepared by the Legislative
12 Analyst pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 12172 of the
13 Government Code may be used by the Department of Finance and
14 the Legislative Analyst in the preparation of the fiscal estimate or
15 the opinion.

16 SEC. 8. Section 9014 of the Elections Code, as amended by
17 Section 2 of Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 2014, is amended to
18 read:

19 9014. (a) A petition for a proposed initiative or referendum
20 measure shall not be circulated for signatures prior to the official
21 summary date.

22 (b) Subject to subdivision (d), a petition with signatures for a
23 proposed initiative measure shall be filed with the county elections
24 official not later than 180 days from the official summary date,
25 and a county elections official shall not accept a petition for the
26 proposed initiative measure after that period.

27 (c) Subject to subdivision (d), a petition for a proposed
28 referendum measure shall be filed with the county elections official
29 not later than 90 days from the date the legislative bill was
30 chaptered by the Secretary of State, and a county elections official
31 shall not accept a petition for the proposed referendum measure
32 after that period.

33 (d) If the last day to file a petition pursuant to subdivision (b)
34 or (c) is a holiday, as defined in Chapter 7 (commencing with
35 Section 6700) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code,
36 the petition may be filed with the county elections official on the
37 next business day.

38 SEC. 9. Section 9030 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

39 9030. (a) Each section of the petition shall be filed with the
40 elections official of the county or city and county in which it was

1 circulated, but all sections circulated in any county or city and
2 county shall be filed at the same time. Once filed, no petition
3 section shall be amended except by order of a court of competent
4 jurisdiction.

5 (b) Within eight days after the filing of the petition, excluding
6 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, the elections official shall
7 determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition
8 and shall transmit this information to the Secretary of State. If the
9 total number of signatures filed with all elections officials is less
10 than 100 percent of the number of qualified voters required to find
11 the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State shall so notify the
12 proponents and the elections officials, and no further action shall
13 be taken with regard to the petition.

14 (c) If the number of signatures filed with all elections officials
15 is 100 percent or more of the number of qualified voters needed
16 to declare the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State shall
17 immediately so notify the elections officials.

18 (d) Within 30 days after this notification, excluding Saturdays,
19 Sundays, and holidays, the elections official shall determine the
20 number of qualified voters who have signed the petition. If more
21 than 500 names have been signed on sections of the petition filed
22 with an elections official, the elections official shall use a random
23 sampling technique for verification of signatures, as determined
24 by the Secretary of State. The random sample of signatures to be
25 verified shall be drawn in such a manner that every signature filed
26 with the elections official shall be given an equal opportunity to
27 be included in the sample. The random sampling shall include an
28 examination of at least 500 or 3 percent of the signatures,
29 whichever is greater. In determining from the records of registration
30 what number of qualified voters have signed the petition, the
31 elections official may use the duplicate file of affidavits of
32 registered voters or the facsimiles of voters' signatures, provided
33 that the method of preparing and displaying the facsimiles complies
34 with law.

35 (e) The elections official, upon the completion of the
36 examination, shall immediately attach to the petition, except the
37 signatures thereto appended, a properly dated certificate, showing
38 the result of the examination, and shall immediately transmit the
39 petition and the certificate to the Secretary of State. A copy of this
40 certificate shall be filed in the elections official's office.

1 (f) If the certificates received from all elections officials by the
2 Secretary of State establish that the number of valid signatures
3 does not equal 95 percent of the number of qualified voters needed
4 to find the petition sufficient, the petition shall be deemed to have
5 failed to qualify, and the Secretary of State shall immediately so
6 notify the proponents and the elections officials.

7 (g) If the certificates received from all elections officials by the
8 Secretary of State total more than 110 percent of the number of
9 qualified voters needed to find the petition sufficient, the Secretary
10 of State shall certify that the measure is qualified for the ballot as
11 provided in Section 9033.

12 SEC. 10. Section 9031 of the Elections Code is amended to
13 read:

14 9031. (a) If the statistical sampling shows that the number of
15 valid signatures is within 95 to 110 percent of the number of
16 signatures of qualified voters needed to declare the petition
17 sufficient, the Secretary of State shall order the examination and
18 verification of each signature filed, and shall so notify the elections
19 officials.

20 (b) Within 30 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays,
21 after receipt of the order, the elections official or registrar of voters
22 shall determine from the records of registration what number of
23 qualified voters have signed the petition and if necessary the board
24 of supervisors shall allow the elections official or registrar
25 additional assistance for the purpose of examining the petition and
26 provide for their compensation. In determining from the records
27 of registration what number of qualified voters have signed the
28 petition, the elections official or registrar of voters may use any
29 file or list of registered voters maintained by his or her office, or
30 the facsimiles of voters' signatures, provided that the method of
31 preparing and displaying the facsimiles complies with law.

32 (c) The elections official or registrar, upon the completion of
33 the examination, shall immediately attach to the petition, except
34 the signatures thereto appended, an amended certificate properly
35 dated, showing the result of the examination and shall immediately
36 transmit the petition, together with the amended certificate, to the
37 Secretary of State. A copy of the amended certificate shall be filed
38 in the elections official's office.

1 (d) (1) If the amended certificates establish the petition's
2 sufficiency, the Secretary of State shall certify that the measure is
3 qualified for the ballot as provided in Section 9033.

4 (2) If the amended certificates received from all elections
5 officials by the Secretary of State establish that the petition has
6 still been found insufficient, the Secretary of State shall
7 immediately so notify the proponents and the elections officials.

8 SEC. 10.5. Section 9031 of the Elections Code is amended to
9 read:

10 9031. (a) If the statistical sampling shows that the number of
11 valid signatures is within 95 to 110 percent of the number of
12 signatures of qualified voters needed to declare the petition
13 sufficient, the Secretary of State shall order the examination and
14 verification of the signatures filed, and shall so notify the elections
15 officials.

16 (b) Within 30 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays,
17 after receipt of the order, the elections official or registrar of voters
18 shall determine from the records of registration what number of
19 qualified voters have signed the petition and if necessary the board
20 of supervisors shall allow the elections official or registrar
21 additional assistance for the purpose of examining the petition and
22 provide for their compensation. In determining from the records
23 of registration what number of qualified voters have signed the
24 petition, the elections official or registrar of voters may use any
25 file or list of registered voters maintained by his or her office, or
26 the facsimiles of voters' signatures, provided that the method of
27 preparing and displaying the facsimiles complies with law.

28 (c) (1) During the examination and verification of the signatures
29 filed, the elections official or registrar of voters shall submit one
30 or more reports to the Secretary of State showing the number of
31 signatures of qualified voters that have been verified as of that
32 date. The Secretary of State shall determine the number of reports
33 required to be submitted and the manner of their submission.

34 (2) The Secretary of State shall maintain a list indicating the
35 number of verified signatures of qualified voters who have signed
36 the petition based on the most recent reports submitted pursuant
37 to paragraph (1). If the Secretary of State determines, prior to each
38 county's completing the examination of each signature filed, that
39 based on the list the petition is signed by the requisite number of
40 voters needed to declare the petition sufficient, the Secretary of

1 State shall immediately notify the elections official or registrar of
2 voters of every county or city and county in the state of this fact.
3 Immediately after receipt of this notification, the elections official
4 or registrar of voters may suspend signature verification until
5 receipt of a certificate pursuant to Section 9033 or until otherwise
6 instructed by the Secretary of State.

7 (d) The elections official or registrar, upon the completion of
8 the examination or notification pursuant to paragraph (2) of
9 subdivision (c), shall immediately attach to the petition, except
10 the signatures thereto appended, an amended certificate properly
11 dated, showing the result of the examination and shall immediately
12 transmit the petition, together with the amended certificate, to the
13 Secretary of State. A copy of the amended certificate shall be filed
14 in the elections official's office.

15 (e) (1) If the amended certificates establish the petition's
16 sufficiency, the Secretary of State shall certify that the measure is
17 qualified for the ballot as provided in Section 9033.

18 (2) If the amended certificates received from all elections
19 officials by the Secretary of State establish that the petition has
20 still been found insufficient, the Secretary of State shall
21 immediately so notify the proponents and the elections officials.

22 SEC. 11. Section 9033 of the Elections Code is amended to
23 read:

24 9033. (a) When the Secretary of State has received from one
25 or more elections officials or registrars a petition, certified to have
26 been signed by the requisite number of qualified voters, the
27 Secretary of State shall forthwith notify the proponents and
28 immediately transmit to the elections official or registrar of voters
29 of every county or city and county in the state a notice directing
30 that signature verification be terminated.

31 (b) (1) In the case of an initiative measure, the Secretary of
32 State shall identify the date of the next statewide general election
33 as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 9016, or the next special
34 statewide election, that will occur not less than 131 days after the
35 date the Secretary of State receives a petition certified to have been
36 signed by the requisite number of qualified voters.

37 (2) On the 131st day prior to the date of the election identified
38 pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall do all of the
39 following:

1 (A) Issue a certificate of qualification certifying that the
2 initiative measure, as of that date, is qualified for the ballot at the
3 election identified pursuant to paragraph (1).

4 (B) Notify the proponents of the initiative measure and the
5 elections official of each county that the measure, as of that date,
6 is qualified for the ballot at the election identified pursuant to
7 paragraph (1).

8 (C) Include the initiative measure in a list of all statewide
9 initiative measures that are eligible to be placed on the ballot at
10 the election identified pursuant to paragraph (1) and publish the
11 list on the Secretary of State's Internet Web site.

12 (3) Upon the issuance of a certificate of qualification pursuant
13 to paragraph (2), an initiative measure shall be deemed qualified
14 for the ballot for purposes of subdivision (c) of Section 8 of Article
15 II of the California Constitution.

16 (c) (1) In the case of a referendum measure, upon receipt of a
17 petition certified to have been signed by the requisite number of
18 qualified voters, the Secretary of State shall do all of the following:

19 (A) Issue a certificate of qualification certifying that the
20 referendum measure, as of that date, is qualified for the ballot.

21 (B) Notify the proponents of the referendum measure and the
22 elections official of each county that the measure, as of that date,
23 is qualified for the ballot.

24 (C) Include the referendum measure in a list of all statewide
25 referendum measures that have qualified for the ballot and publish
26 the list on the Secretary of State's Internet Web site.

27 (2) Upon the issuance of a certificate of qualification pursuant
28 to paragraph (1), a referendum measure shall be deemed qualified
29 for the ballot for purposes of subdivision (c) of Section 9 of Article
30 II of the California Constitution.

31 SEC. 12. Section 9034 of the Elections Code is amended to
32 read:

33 9034. (a) The proponents of a proposed initiative measure
34 shall submit a certification, signed under penalty of perjury, to the
35 Secretary of State immediately upon the collection of 25 percent
36 of the number of signatures needed to qualify the initiative measure
37 for the ballot.

38 (b) Upon the receipt of the certification required by subdivision
39 (a), the Secretary of State shall transmit copies of the initiative
40 measure, together with the circulating title and summary as

1 prepared by the Attorney General pursuant to Section 9004, to the
2 Senate and the Assembly. Each house shall assign the initiative
3 measure to its appropriate committees. The appropriate committees
4 shall hold joint public hearings on the subject of the measure not
5 later than 131 days before the date of the election at which the
6 measure is to be voted upon.

7 (c) This section shall not be construed as authority for the
8 Legislature to alter the initiative measure or prevent it from
9 appearing on the ballot.

10 SEC. 13. Section 9051 of the Elections Code is amended to
11 read:

12 9051. (a) (1) The ballot title and summary may differ from
13 the legislative, circulating, or other title and summary of the
14 measure and shall not exceed 100 words, not including the fiscal
15 impact statement.

16 (2) The ballot title and summary shall include a summary of the
17 Legislative Analyst's estimate of the net state and local government
18 fiscal impact prepared pursuant to Section 9087 of this code and
19 Section 88003 of the Government Code.

20 (b) The ballot label shall not contain more than 75 words and
21 shall be a condensed version of the ballot title and summary
22 including the financial impact summary prepared pursuant to
23 Section 9087 of this code and Section 88003 of the Government
24 Code.

25 (c) In providing the ballot title and summary, the Attorney
26 General shall give a true and impartial statement of the purpose
27 of the measure in such language that the ballot title and summary
28 shall neither be an argument, nor be likely to create prejudice, for
29 or against the proposed measure.

30 (d) The Attorney General shall invite and consider public
31 comment in preparing each ballot title and summary.

32 SEC. 14. Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code is amended to
33 read:

34 9082.7. (a) The Secretary of State shall make available the
35 complete state ballot pamphlet over the Internet.

36 (b) The Secretary of State shall create an Internet Web site, or
37 use other available technology, to consolidate information about
38 each state ballot measure in a manner that is easy for voters to
39 access and understand. The information shall include all of the
40 following:

1 (1) A summary of the ballot measure’s content.

2 (2) A current list of the top 10 contributors supporting and
 3 opposing the ballot measure, as compiled by the Fair Political
 4 Practices Commission pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 84223
 5 of the Government Code.

6 (3) (A) A list of each committee primarily formed to support
 7 or oppose the ballot measure, as described in Section 82047.5 of
 8 the Government Code, and a means to access information about
 9 the sources of contributions reported for each committee.

10 (B) Information about the sources of contributions shall be
 11 updated as new information becomes available to the public
 12 pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing
 13 with Section 81000) of the Government Code).

14 (C) If a committee identified in subparagraph (A) receives at
 15 least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in contributions for an
 16 election, the Secretary of State shall provide a means to access
 17 online information about the committee’s top 10 contributors
 18 reported to the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to
 19 subdivision (a) of Section 84223 of the Government Code.

20 (D) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section
 21 84223 of the Government Code, the Fair Political Practices
 22 Commission shall automatically provide any list of top 10
 23 contributors created pursuant to Section 84223 of the Government
 24 Code, and any subsequent updates to that list, to the Secretary of
 25 State for purposes of compliance with this section.

26 (4) Any other information deemed relevant by the Secretary of
 27 State.

28 ~~SEC. 14.5.~~

29 *SEC. 14.3* Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code is amended
 30 to read:

31 9082.7. (a) The Secretary of State shall make available the
 32 complete state ballot pamphlet over the Internet. The online ~~version~~
 33 *version* of the state ballot pamphlet shall contain all of the
 34 following:

35 (1) For each candidate listed in the pamphlet, a means to access
 36 campaign contribution disclosure reports for the candidate that are
 37 available online.

38 (2) For each state ballot measure listed in the pamphlet, a means
 39 to access the consolidated information specified in subdivision
 40 (b).

1 (b) The Secretary of State shall create an Internet Web site, or
2 use other available technology, to consolidate information about
3 each state ballot measure in a manner that is easy for voters to
4 access and understand. The information shall include all of the
5 following:

6 (1) A summary of the ballot measure's content.

7 (2) The total amount of reported contributions made in support
8 of and opposition to the ballot measure, calculated and updated as
9 follows:

10 (A) (i) The total amount of contributions in support of the ballot
11 measure shall be calculated by adding together the total amounts
12 of contributions made in support of the ballot measure and reported
13 in semiannual statements required by Section 84200 of the
14 Government Code, preelection statements required by Section
15 84200.5 of the Government Code, campaign statements required
16 by Section 84202.3 of the Government Code, and late contribution
17 reports required by Section 84203 of the Government Code; that
18 are reported within 16 days of the election at which the measure
19 will appear on the ballot.

20 (ii) The total amount of contributions in opposition to the ballot
21 measure shall be calculated by adding together the total amounts
22 of contributions made in opposition to the ballot measure and
23 reported in semiannual statements required by Section 84200 of
24 the Government Code, preelection statements required by Section
25 84200.5 of the Government Code, campaign statements required
26 by Section 84202.3 of the Government Code, and late contribution
27 reports required by Section 84203 of the Government Code; that
28 are reported within 16 days of the election at which the measure
29 will appear on the ballot.

30 (iii) For purposes of determining the total amount of reported
31 contributions pursuant to this subparagraph, the Secretary of State
32 shall, to the extent practicable with respect to committees primarily
33 formed to support or oppose a ballot measure, do both of the
34 following:

35 (I) Ensure that transfers of funds between primarily formed
36 committees are not counted twice.

37 (II) Treat a contribution made to a primarily formed committee
38 that supports or opposes more than one state ballot measure as if
39 the total amount of that contribution was made for each state ballot
40 measure that the committee supports or opposes.

1 (B) The total amount of reported contributions calculated under
2 this paragraph for each state ballot measure shall be updated not
3 later than five business days after receipt of a semiannual statement,
4 campaign statement, or preelection statement and not later than
5 two business days after receipt of a late contribution report within
6 16 days of the election at which the measure will appear on the
7 ballot.

8 (C) The total amount of reported contributions calculated under
9 this paragraph for each state ballot measure shall be accompanied
10 by an explanation that the contribution totals may be overstated
11 due to the inclusion of contributions made to committees
12 supporting or opposing more than one state ballot measure, as
13 required by subclause (II) of clause (iii) of subparagraph (A).

14 (3) A current list of the top 10 contributors supporting and
15 opposing the ballot measure, if compiled by the Fair Political
16 Practices Commission pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 84223
17 of the Government Code.

18 (4) (A) A list of each committee primarily formed to support
19 or oppose the ballot measure, as described in Section 82047.5 of
20 the Government Code, and a means to access information about
21 the sources of funding reported for each committee.

22 (B) Information about the sources of contributions shall be
23 updated as new information becomes available to the public
24 pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing
25 with Section 81000) of the Government Code).

26 (C) If a committee identified in subparagraph (A) receives one
27 million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more in contributions for an
28 election, the Secretary of State shall provide a means to access
29 online information about the committee's top 10 contributors
30 reported to the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to
31 subdivision (a) of Section 84223 of the Government Code.

32 (D) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section
33 84223 of the Government Code, the Fair Political Practices
34 Commission shall automatically provide any list of top 10
35 contributors created pursuant to Section 84223 of the Government
36 Code, and any subsequent updates to that list, to the Secretary of
37 State for purposes of compliance with this section.

38 (5) Any other information deemed relevant by the Secretary of
39 State.

1 SEC. 14.5. Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:

3 9082.7. (a) The Secretary of State shall ~~disseminate~~ make
4 available the complete state ballot pamphlet over the Internet. The
5 online version of the state ballot pamphlet shall contain all of the
6 following:

7 (1) For each candidate listed in the pamphlet, a means to access
8 campaign contribution disclosure reports for the candidate that
9 are available online.

10 (2) For each state ballot measure listed in the pamphlet, a means
11 to access the consolidated information specified in subdivision
12 (b).

13 (b) The Secretary of State shall create an Internet Web site, or
14 use other available technology, to consolidate information about
15 each state ballot measure in a manner that is easy for voters to
16 access and understand. The information shall include all of the
17 following:

18 (1) A summary of the ballot measure's content.

19 (2) The total amount of reported contributions made in support
20 of and opposition to the ballot measure, calculated and updated
21 as follows:

22 (A) (i) The total amount of contributions in support of the ballot
23 measure shall be calculated by adding together the total amounts
24 of contributions made in support of the ballot measure and reported
25 in semiannual statements required by Section 84200 of the
26 Government Code, preelection statements required by Section
27 84200.5 of the Government Code, campaign statements required
28 by Section 84202.3 of the Government Code, and late contribution
29 reports required by Section 84203 of the Government Code that
30 are reported within 16 days of the election at which the measure
31 will appear on the ballot.

32 (ii) The total amount of contributions in opposition to the ballot
33 measure shall be calculated by adding together the total amounts
34 of contributions made in opposition to the ballot measure and
35 reported in semiannual statements required by Section 84200 of
36 the Government Code, preelection statements required by Section
37 84200.5 of the Government Code, campaign statements required
38 by Section 84202.3 of the Government Code, and late contribution
39 reports required by Section 84203 of the Government Code that

1 are reported within 16 days of the election at which the measure
2 will appear on the ballot.

3 (iii) For purposes of determining the total amount of reported
4 contributions pursuant to this subparagraph, the Secretary of State
5 shall, to the extent practicable with respect to committees primarily
6 formed to support or oppose a ballot measure, do both of the
7 following:

8 (I) Ensure that transfers of funds between primarily formed
9 committees are not counted twice.

10 (II) Treat a contribution made to a primarily formed committee
11 that supports or opposes more than one state ballot measure as if
12 the total amount of that contribution was made for each state ballot
13 measure that the committee supports or opposes.

14 (B) The total amount of reported contributions calculated under
15 this paragraph for each state ballot measure shall be updated not
16 later than five business days after receipt of a semiannual
17 statement, campaign statement, or preelection statement and not
18 later than two business days after receipt of a late contribution
19 report within 16 days of the election at which the measure will
20 appear on the ballot.

21 (C) The total amount of reported contributions calculated under
22 this paragraph for each state ballot measure shall be accompanied
23 by an explanation that the contribution totals may be overstated
24 due to the inclusion of contributions made to committees supporting
25 or opposing more than one state ballot measure, as required by
26 subclause (II) of clause (iii) of subparagraph (A).

27 (3) A current list of the top 10 contributors supporting and
28 opposing the ballot measure, if compiled by the Fair Political
29 Practices Commission pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 84223
30 of the Government Code.

31 (4) (A) A list of each committee primarily formed to support
32 or oppose the ballot measure, as described in Section 82047.5 of
33 the Government Code, and a means to access information about
34 the sources of funding reported for each committee.

35 (B) Information about the sources of contributions shall be
36 updated as new information becomes available to the public
37 pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing
38 with Section 81000) of the Government Code).

39 (C) If a committee identified in subparagraph (A) receives one
40 million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more in contributions for an

1 *election, the Secretary of State shall provide a means to access*
2 *online information about the committee's top 10 contributors*
3 *reported to the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to*
4 *subdivision (a) of Section 84223 of the Government Code.*

5 *(D) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section*
6 *84223 of the Government Code, the Fair Political Practices*
7 *Commission shall automatically provide any list of top 10*
8 *contributors created pursuant to Section 84223 of the Government*
9 *Code, and any subsequent updates to that list, to the Secretary of*
10 *State for purposes of compliance with this section.*

11 *(5) Any other information deemed relevant by the Secretary of*
12 *State.*

13 *(c) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31*
14 *of the year in which the statewide Internet-based system established*
15 *pursuant to Section 84620 of the Government Code becomes*
16 *operational, as certified by the Secretary of State, and as of that*
17 *date is repealed.*

18 *SEC. 14.7. Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code is amended*
19 *to read:*

20 *9082.7. (a) The Secretary of State shall ~~disseminate~~ make*
21 *available the complete state ballot pamphlet over the Internet. The*
22 *online version of the state ballot pamphlet shall contain all of the*
23 *following:*

24 *(1) For each candidate listed in the pamphlet, a means to access*
25 *campaign contribution disclosure reports for the candidate that*
26 *are available online.*

27 *(2) For each state ballot measure listed in the pamphlet, a means*
28 *to access the consolidated information specified in subdivision*
29 *(b).*

30 *(b) The Secretary of State shall create an Internet Web site, or*
31 *use other available technology, to consolidate information about*
32 *each state ballot measure in a manner that is easy for voters to*
33 *access and understand. The information shall include all of the*
34 *following:*

35 *(1) A summary of the ballot measure's content.*

36 *(2) The total amount of reported contributions made in support*
37 *of and opposition to the ballot measure, calculated and updated*
38 *as follows:*

39 *(A) (i) The total amount of contributions in support of the ballot*
40 *measure shall be calculated by adding together the total amounts*

1 of contributions made in support of the ballot measure and reported
2 in semiannual statements required by Section 84200 of the
3 Government Code, quarterly campaign statements required by
4 Section 84200.3 of the Government Code, preelection statements
5 required by Section 84200.5 of the Government Code, and late
6 contribution reports required by Section 84203 of the Government
7 Code that are reported within 16 days of the election at which the
8 measure will appear on the ballot.

9 (ii) The total amount of contributions in opposition to the ballot
10 measure shall be calculated by adding together the total amounts
11 of contributions made in opposition to the ballot measure and
12 reported in semiannual statements required by Section 84200 of
13 the Government Code, quarterly campaign statements required
14 by Section 84200.3 of the Government Code, preelection statements
15 required by Section 84200.5 of the Government Code, and late
16 contribution reports required by Section 84203 of the Government
17 Code that are reported within 16 days of the election at which the
18 measure will appear on the ballot.

19 (iii) For purposes of determining the total amount of reported
20 contributions pursuant to this subparagraph, the Secretary of State
21 shall, to the extent practicable with respect to committees primarily
22 formed to support or oppose a ballot measure, do both of the
23 following:

24 (I) Ensure that transfers of funds between primarily formed
25 committees are not counted twice.

26 (II) Treat a contribution made to a primarily formed committee
27 that supports or opposes more than one state ballot measure as if
28 the total amount of that contribution was made for each state ballot
29 measure that the committee supports or opposes.

30 (B) The total amount of reported contributions calculated under
31 this paragraph for each state ballot measure shall be updated not
32 later than five business days after receipt of a semiannual
33 statement, quarterly campaign statement, or preelection statement
34 and not later than two business days after receipt of a late
35 contribution report within 16 days of the election at which the
36 measure will appear on the ballot.

37 (C) The total amount of reported contributions calculated under
38 this paragraph for each state ballot measure shall be accompanied
39 by an explanation that the contribution totals may be overstated
40 due to the inclusion of contributions made to committees supporting

1 or opposing more than one state ballot measure, as required by
2 subclause (II) of clause (iii) of subparagraph (A).

3 (3) A current list of the top 10 contributors supporting and
4 opposing the ballot measure, if compiled by the Fair Political
5 Practices Commission pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 84223
6 of the Government Code.

7 (4) (A) A list of each committee primarily formed to support
8 or oppose the ballot measure, as described in Section 82047.5 of
9 the Government Code, and a means to access information about
10 the sources of funding reported for each committee.

11 (B) Information about the sources of contributions shall be
12 updated as new information becomes available to the public
13 pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing
14 with Section 81000) of the Government Code).

15 (C) If a committee identified in subparagraph (A) receives one
16 million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more in contributions for an
17 election, the Secretary of State shall provide a means to access
18 online information about the committee's top 10 contributors
19 reported to the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to
20 subdivision (a) of Section 84223 of the Government Code.

21 (D) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section
22 84223 of the Government Code, the Fair Political Practices
23 Commission shall automatically provide any list of top 10
24 contributors created pursuant to Section 84223 of the Government
25 Code, and any subsequent updates to that list, to the Secretary of
26 State for purposes of compliance with this section.

27 (5) Any other information deemed relevant by the Secretary of
28 State.

29 (c) This section shall become operative on January 1 of the year
30 following the year in which the statewide Internet-based system
31 established pursuant to Section 84620 of the Government Code
32 becomes operational, as certified by the Secretary of State.

33 SEC. 15. Section 9094.5 of the Elections Code is amended to
34 read:

35 9094.5. (a) The Secretary of State shall establish processes to
36 enable a voter to do both of the following:

37 (1) Opt out of receiving by mail the state ballot pamphlet
38 prepared pursuant to Section 9081.

39 (2) When the state ballot pamphlet is available, receive either
40 the state ballot pamphlet in an electronic format or an electronic

1 notification making the pamphlet available by means of online
2 access.

3 (b) The processes described in subdivision (a) shall become
4 effective only after the Secretary of State certifies that the state
5 has a statewide voter registration database that complies with the
6 federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15301 et
7 seq.).

8 (c) The processes described in subdivision (a) shall not apply
9 where two or more registered voters have the same postal address
10 unless each voter who shares the same postal address has chosen
11 to discontinue receiving the ballot pamphlet by mail.

12 (d) The Secretary of State shall also establish a procedure to
13 permit a voter to begin receiving the ballot pamphlet by mail again
14 after the voter has discontinued receiving it pursuant to subdivision
15 (a).

16 SEC. 16. Section 9604 of the Elections Code is amended to
17 read:

18 9604. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, any person may
19 engage in good faith bargaining between competing interests to
20 secure legislative approval of matters embraced in a statewide or
21 local initiative or referendum measure, and the proponents may,
22 as a result of these negotiations, withdraw the measure at any time
23 before filing the petition with the appropriate elections official.

24 (b) In addition to the procedure under subdivision (a), the
25 proponents of a statewide initiative or referendum measure may
26 withdraw the measure after filing the petition with the appropriate
27 elections official at any time before the Secretary of State certifies
28 that the measure has qualified for the ballot pursuant to Section
29 9033.

30 (c) Withdrawal of a statewide initiative or referendum measure
31 shall be effective upon receipt by the Secretary of State of a written
32 notice of withdrawal, signed by all proponents of the measure.

33 (d) Withdrawal of a local initiative or referendum measure shall
34 be effective upon receipt by the appropriate local elections official
35 of a written notice of withdrawal, signed by all proponents of the
36 measure.

37 SEC. 17. Section 18621 of the Elections Code is amended to
38 read:

39 18621. Any proponent of an initiative or referendum measure
40 or recall petition who seeks, solicits, bargains for, or obtains any

1 money or thing of value of or from any person, firm, or corporation
2 for the purpose of abandoning the same or stopping the circulation
3 of petitions concerning the same, or failing or neglecting or
4 refusing to file the measure or petition in the office of the elections
5 official or other officer designated by law within the time required
6 by law after obtaining the number of signatures required under the
7 law to qualify the measure or petition, or withdrawing an initiative
8 petition after filing it with the appropriate elections official, or
9 performing any act that will prevent or aid in preventing the
10 initiative, referendum, or recall proposed from qualifying as an
11 initiative or referendum measure, or resulting in a recall election
12 is punishable by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000)
13 or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170
14 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years, or in a
15 county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and
16 imprisonment.

17 SEC. 17.5. Section 18621 of the Elections Code is amended
18 to read:

19 18621. Any proponent of an initiative or referendum measure,
20 recall petition, or political party qualification petition who seeks,
21 solicits, bargains for, or obtains any money or thing of value of or
22 from any person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of abandoning
23 the same or stopping the circulation of petitions concerning the
24 same, or failing or neglecting or refusing to file the measure or
25 petition in the office of the elections official or other officer
26 designated by law within the time required by law after obtaining
27 the number of signatures required under the law to qualify the
28 measure or petition, or withdrawing an initiative petition after
29 filing it with the appropriate elections official, or performing any
30 act that will prevent or aid in preventing the initiative, referendum,
31 recall, or political party proposed from qualifying as an initiative
32 or referendum measure, resulting in a recall election, or qualifying
33 as a political party by a political party qualification petition is
34 punishable by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000)
35 or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170
36 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years, or in a
37 county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and
38 imprisonment.

39 SEC. 18. Section 10.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to
40 Section 9031 of the Elections Code proposed by both this bill and

1 Assembly Bill 2219. It shall only become operative if (1) both
2 bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1,
3 2015, (2) each bill amends Section 9031 of the Elections Code,
4 and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 2219, in which case
5 Section 10 of this bill shall not become operative.

6 SEC. 19. Section ~~14.5~~ 14.3 of this bill incorporates amendments
7 to Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code proposed by both this bill
8 and Senate Bill 844. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills
9 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2015,
10 (2) each bill amends Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code, ~~and~~
11 ~~(3) (3) Senate Bill 1442 of the 2013–14 Regular Session is not~~
12 ~~enacted or as enacted does not add Section 84200.3 to the~~
13 ~~Government Code, and (4) this bill is enacted after Senate Bill~~
14 ~~844, in which case Section 14 Sections 14, 14.5, and 14.7 of this~~
15 ~~bill shall not become operative.~~

16 SEC. 20. Section 14.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to
17 Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code proposed by both this bill
18 and Senate Bill 844. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills
19 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2015,
20 (2) each bill amends Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code, (3)
21 Senate Bill 1442 of the 2013–14 Regular Session is enacted and
22 as enacted adds Section 84200.3 to the Government Code, and (4)
23 this bill is enacted after Senate Bill 844, in which case Sections
24 14 and 14.3 of this bill shall not become operative.

25 SEC. 21. Section 14.7 of this bill incorporates amendments to
26 Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code proposed by both this bill
27 and Senate Bill 844. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills
28 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2015,
29 (2) each bill amends Section 9082.7 of the Elections Code, (3)
30 Senate Bill 1442 of the 2013–14 Regular Session is enacted and
31 as enacted adds Section 84200.3 to the Government Code, (4) the
32 condition specified in subdivision (c) of Section 9082.7 of the
33 Elections Code as amended by Section 14.7 of this bill is satisfied,
34 and (5) this bill is enacted after Senate Bill 844, in which case
35 Sections 14 and 14.3 of this bill shall not become operative.

36 ~~SEC. 20.~~

37 SEC. 22. Section 17.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to
38 Section 18621 of the Elections Code proposed by both this bill
39 and Senate Bill 1043. It shall only become operative if (1) both
40 bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1,

1 2015, (2) each bill amends Section 18621 of the Elections Code,
2 and (3) this bill is enacted after Senate Bill 1043, in which case
3 Section 17 of this bill shall not become operative.

4 ~~SEC. 21.~~

5 *SEC. 23.* No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
6 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
7 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
8 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
9 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
10 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
11 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
12 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
13 Constitution.

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