

**Introduced by Senator Anderson**February 8, 2016

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

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 965, as introduced, Anderson. Initiatives: circulating title and summary.

Existing law requires the Attorney General to prepare a circulating title and summary of the chief purposes and points of a proposed initiative measure, as specified, upon receiving the text of the measure, and after a 30-day public review period.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that 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 9004 of the Elections Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     9004. (a) Upon ~~receipt of~~ *receiving* the text of a proposed  
4     initiative measure, and after the public review period provided for  
5     in Section 9002, the Attorney General shall prepare a circulating  
6     title and summary of the chief purposes and points of the proposed  
7     *initiative* measure. The circulating title and summary shall not  
8     exceed 100 words. The Attorney General shall also provide a  
9     unique numeric identifier for each proposed initiative measure.  
10    The circulating title and summary shall be prepared in the manner

1 provided for the preparation of ballot titles and summaries in  
2 Article 5 (commencing with Section 9050), the provisions of  
3 which, in regard to the preparation, filing, and settlement of ballot  
4 titles and summaries, ~~are applicable~~ *apply* to the circulating title  
5 and summary.

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

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