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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Constitutional Amendment

No. 5

Introduced by Assembly Member Charles Calderon

December 15, 2008

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 8 of Article II thereof, relating to initiatives.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACA 5, as amended, Charles Calderon. Initiatives: state general ~~obligations~~ *obligation* bonds.

Existing law permits voters to propose statutes and amendments to the Constitution, and to adopt or reject them, through the initiative process.

This measure would require an initiative measure that would authorize the issuance of state general obligation bonds to either provide additional tax or fee revenues, the elimination of existing programs, or both, as necessary to fully fund the bonds, as determined by the Legislative Analyst, in order to be submitted to the voters or to have any effect and would require the Attorney General to identify the new revenue source or the eliminated programs in the initiative measure’s title and summary. The measure would also require that at least ~~55%~~ 66% of the voters approve an initiative measure authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

1 *Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the
2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2009–10 Regular
3 Session, commencing on the first day of December 2008,
4 two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby
5 proposes to the people of the State of California that the
6 Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

7 That Section 8 of Article II thereof is amended to read:

8 SEC. 8. (a) The initiative is the power of the electors to
9 propose statutes and amendments to the Constitution and to adopt
10 or reject them.

11 (b) An initiative measure may be proposed by presenting to the
12 Secretary of State a petition that sets forth the text of the proposed
13 statute or amendment to the Constitution and is certified to have
14 been signed by electors equal in number to 5 percent in the case
15 of a statute, and 8 percent in the case of an amendment to the
16 Constitution, of the votes for all candidates for Governor at the
17 last gubernatorial election.

18 (c) The Secretary of State shall then submit the measure at the
19 next general election held at least 131 days after it qualifies or at
20 any special statewide election held prior to that general election.
21 The Governor may call a special statewide election for the measure.

22 (d) An initiative measure embracing more than one subject may
23 not be submitted to the electors or have any effect.

24 (e) An initiative measure may not include or exclude any
25 political subdivision of the State from the application or effect of
26 its provisions based upon approval or disapproval of the initiative
27 measure, or based upon the casting of a specified percentage of
28 votes in favor of the measure, by the electors of that political
29 subdivision.

30 (f) An initiative measure may not contain alternative or
31 cumulative provisions wherein one or more of those provisions
32 would become law depending upon the casting of a specified
33 percentage of votes for or against the measure.

34 (g) An initiative measure that would authorize the issuance of
35 state general obligation bonds shall not be submitted to the electors
36 or have any effect unless the measure expressly provides for either
37 additional tax or fee revenues, the elimination of one or more
38 existing programs, or both, as necessary to fully fund the repayment
39 of the bonds, as determined by the Legislative Analyst. The new
40 revenue source or the programs eliminated shall be clearly

- 1 identified in the title and summary of the measure prepared by the
- 2 Attorney General.
- 3 (h) An initiative measure that would authorize the issuance of
- 4 state general obligation bonds shall be approved by at least ~~55~~ 66
- 5 percent of the voters who vote on the initiative measure.

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