

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Repeals prohibitions against voting systems connecting to Internet or using wireless communications. Establishes Election Data Security Commission, composed of Secretary of State and six subject matter experts, to develop standards, software, and procedures for secure electronic submission of vote by mail ballots. Directs Commission to conduct electronic submission pilot programs for military voters by November 2022; requires statewide use if Commission certifies security of system. Exempts Commission from conflict of interest laws, as specified; requires disclosure of financial interests in companies Commission contracts with. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **One-time state costs—likely many tens of millions of dollars and possibly exceeding \$100 million—to implement a new information technology system. Ongoing state costs to maintain system—possibly millions of dollars each year. No significant fiscal effect on local governments.** (15-0118.)