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Initiative No. 07-0065

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

TANGIBLE BALLOTS. DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES. STATUTE.

Changes the definition of “ballot” to exclude touchscreens and other ballots used with direct recording electronic devices. Expands definition of “ballot” to include physical objects that may be marked by voters’ physical action and can be counted through use of ordinary physical senses. Does not prohibit use of legally approved voting methods, as long as those methods produce tangible physical objects to be used for vote counting and available for voter inspection prior to casting. Requires disabled voters to be provided means to inspect their ballots that accommodate their disabilities. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: One-time costs potentially in the tens of millions of dollars to replace or alter voting equipment. (Initiative 07-0065.)