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Initiative 09-0019

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

CALLS A CONVENTION TO DRAFT NEW STATE CONSTITUTION. INITIATIVE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires special election to elect 400 convention delegates. Closes convention to public and prohibits all outside contact with delegates. Allows simple majority of convention delegates to propose changes to any part of Constitution.

Requires a special election to adopt or reject convention's proposed new constitution, and requires a special election of new constitutional officers after adoption. Requires use of public money for campaign financing for all convention delegate candidates, convention fees, compensation for delegates and staff, and new statewide voting systems for three elections.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: This measure would have the following major fiscal effects: Direct, one time increase of state and local government spending on the hundreds of millions of dollars related to the constitutional convention. Potentially major fiscal changes in state and local governments if voters approve the convention's recommendations, including higher or lower taxes or greater or less spending on particular public programs. (09-0019.)