

Initiative Measure to be Submitted Directly to the Voters

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

STATE BUDGET. PENALTIES FOR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE IF BUDGET DEADLINES NOT MET. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Provides that the Governor and Legislature will be automatically removed from office if the Legislature fails to approve budget by June 15th or the Governor fails to sign a budget by June 30th. Requires that 25% of the salaries owed to the Governor and each Legislative member be withheld until a budget is completed for the following year. Prohibits officials removed from office for failure to pass a budget from being elected or appointed to state office for two years following removal. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Increase in state and local election costs in any year in which the Governor and all 120 members of the Legislature are terminated when the budget process is not completed on time. These costs could potentially exceed \$100 million in any such year. Unknown state fiscal impacts from changes in the content of the annual budget as a result of the measure's provisions related to a late budget. (09-0001.)

To The Honorable Secretary of State of California

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of _____ County, (or City and County), hereby propose amendments to the Constitution of California and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendments read as follows:

STATE BUDGET. PENALTIES FOR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE IF BUDGET DEADLINES NOT MET. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Section I. Title

This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "Pass Our Budget Act."

SECTION 2. Article 4. Section 12.5 is added to the California Constitution to read:

Section 12.5.

a) Beginning July 1 of any fiscal year, 25% of the governor's and all state legislators' gross salaries will be withheld into the general fund. Upon completion of the next fiscal year's budget, those funds will be due and payable within 15 days, to the governor and the legislators.

b) If the legislature fails to pass a California State budget bill by midnight June 15 of any given year, as is their duty according to Article 4, section 12, C-3, both the entire legislature and the governor's terms will be terminated at midnight of June 15 of that year.

c) If by midnight of June 30 of any given year, the budget approval process has not been completed providing a budget that meets the requirements of California State Constitution, both the entire legislature' and the governor's terms will be terminated at midnight of June 30 of that year.

d) In the event that the budget process has not been completed by June 30, the fiscal year's budget ending on June 30 of that year will stay in effect and be modified based on revenues of the fiscal year ending on June 30, proportionate to projected revenues of the fiscal year beginning on that July 1.

e) Due to the failure to pass a budget as per section 12.5, paragraphs b and c, the governor and the members of the legislature who were removed from office will be prohibited from holding any state level elected or appointed position for a period of two years starting from the date they are terminated from office.

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DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR

(to be completed after above signatures have been obtained)

I, _____, am registered to vote in the County (or City and County) of _____, or am qualified to register to vote in California. My residence address is _____ I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, at _____, California

(month and day) (year) (City or Community Where Signed)

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 (complete signature indicating full name of circulator)

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