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Presented to:

Assembly Rules Committee
Hon. Richard S. Gordon Chair

and

Senate Elections and
Constitutional Amendments Committee
Hon. Benjamin Allen, Chair





LAO Role in Initiative Process

- **Fiscal Analysis Prior to Signature Collection.**
 - State law requires our office, alongside the Department of Finance, to prepare an impartial fiscal analysis of each initiative.
 - State law requires this analysis to provide an estimate of the measure's fiscal impact on state and local governments.
 - A summary of the estimate fiscal impact is included on petitions that are circulated for signatures.
- **Analysis After Measure Receives Sufficient Signatures to Qualify for the Ballot.**
 - State law requires our office to provide impartial analyses of all statewide ballot propositions for the statewide voter information guide.
 - This analysis includes a description of the measure and its fiscal effects.
 - We are currently in the process of preparing these materials.



Provisions of Proposed Initiative

- **Legislature Would Have to Wait 72 Hours After Posting a Bill (Including Amendments) on the Internet Before It Could Pass That Bill.**
 - This rule has exemptions for emergencies, including natural disasters.
- **Videos of All of the Legislature's Public Meetings Would Have to Be Recorded, and Then Posted and Stored on the Internet.**
 - These videos would have to be available on the Internet within 24 hours following the end of the meeting.
 - These videos would have to be downloadable for at least 20 years.
- **Other Provisions:**
 - Members of the public would be allowed to record and broadcast any part of a public meeting.
 - Amends state statute to provide that anyone could use videos of legislative public meetings for any legitimate purpose and without paying a fee to the state.
 - The Legislature's costs of complying with these requirements would be counted within the Legislature's annual spending limit.



Fiscal Effects of Proposed Initiative

- **Costs of Recording and Storing Videos of Public Meetings.**
 - One-time costs of \$1 million to \$2 million to buy cameras and other equipment.
 - Ongoing costs of about \$1 million dollars for more staff and online storage for videos.