

# **Outstanding Initiatives**

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More information about all of the measures below, including title and summary (when available) and the measures' language, is available at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_j.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm) (general information), <http://ag.ca.gov/initiatives/activeindex.php?active=A> (titles and summaries), and [www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/ballot\\_source/Initiatives.aspx](http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/ballot_source/Initiatives.aspx) (full fiscal analyses).

Qualified for June 8, 2010, Primary Election Ballot (the qualification period has ended)

- Proposition 13 — Property tax: new construction exclusion: seismic retrofitting.
- Proposition 14 — Elections: open primaries.
- Proposition 15 — Political Reform Act of 1974: California Fair Elections Act of 2008.
- Proposition 16 — New Two-Thirds Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers.
- Proposition 17 — Allows Auto Insurance Companies to Base Their Prices in Part on a Driver's History of Insurance Coverage.

Qualified for November 2, 2010 Primary Election Ballot.

- Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010.

Pending Signature Verification

- None at this time

Pending Raw Count of Signatures

- None at this time

Initiatives and Referenda in Circulation as of Jan. 27 (substantially similar measures not listed)

- Changes Constitution to Allow Voter to Call a Constitutional Convention with an Initiative.
- Calls a Convention to Draft New State Constitution.
- Changes California Law to Legalize, Regulate, and Tax Marijuana.
- Repeals Recent Legislation That Would Allow Businesses to Carry Back Losses, Share Tax Credits, and Use a Sales-Based Income Calculation.
- Wealth Tax.
- Changes California Law to Legalize Marijuana and Allow It to Be Regulated and Taxed.
- Changes California Law to Legalize, Regulate, and Tax Marijuana.
- Eliminates the Law Allowing Married Couples to Divorce. (Annulment still OK)
- Redistricting of Congressional Districts.
- Reduces Legislative Session and Pay by at Least 50%.
- Requires Public Schools to Offer Christmas Music.
- Limits on Certain Insurance Practices and Costs.
- Reinstates Right of Same-Sex Couples to Marry.
- Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to Pass a Budget or Raise Taxes from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority.
- Creates Special Constitutional Rule for Speech Based on the Bible.
- Changes California Law to Legalize Marijuana and Release Non-Violent Marijuana Offenders from Jail.
- Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office.
- Eliminates State Income and Property Taxes for All Residents 55 Years Old and Older.
- Prohibits Public Funding of Schools Through Taxes.
- Prohibits Public Schools from Establishing Educational Curriculum.
- Changes Laws Governing Ballot Measures.
- Criminalizes False Statements About Legislative Acts, Elections, or Government Employees.
- Changes Constitutional Definition of a Person to Include Fertilized Human Eggs.
- Limits on Insurance Company Practices.
- Changes Voter Approval Requirement for Local Bonds and Taxes to 55% from Two-Thirds so Long as Accountability Requirements are Met.
- Makes Illegal the Use of Public Employee Wage Deductions for Political Activities.
- Imposes Political Contribution Restrictions on Public Employee Labor Organizations.
- Denial of Public Benefits for Persons Who Cannot Verify Lawful Presence. Eliminates Benefits for Certain Children in CalWORKS Program.

- Prohibits Voting By Those Who Fail to Provide Government-Issued Identification. Adds Additional Absentee Voting Requirements.
- Requires Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Terminating Pregnancy of Female Under 18.
- Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to Pass a Budget from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority. Retains Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Taxes.
- Requires Parental Notification Before Terminating Pregnancy of Female Under 18.
- Repeals Recent Legislation That Would Allow Businesses to Carry Back Losses, Share Tax Credits, and Use a Sales-Based Income Calculation to Lower Taxable Income.
- Changes California's Income and Property Tax Laws.
- Prohibits the State from Taking Funds Used for Transportation or Local Government Projects and Services.
- Imposes Additional Tax on Cigarettes for Cancer Research.
- Allows Voters to Place Question of Calling a Constitutional Convention on the Ballot.
- Calls a Limited Convention to Propose Changes to State Constitution.
- Changes Voter Approval Requirement for Local Education Special Taxes to 55% from Two-Thirds so Long as Accountability Requirements Met.
- Prohibits Legislators from Voting on Legislation that Financially Affects Contributors.
- Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle License Surcharge to Help Fund State Parks and Wildlife Programs and Grants Free Admission to All State Parks to Surcharged Vehicles.
- Requires Assessment of Most Commercial Property at Least Once Every Three Years and Increases Homeowners' Tax Exemption.
- Provides Additional School Funding by Increasing Commercial Property Taxes. Increases Homeowners' Tax Exemption.
- Prohibits State from Taxing Community Hospitals to Obtain Federal Funds for Medi-Cal Unless Certain Requirements Are Met.
- Changes State Budget Process in Several Ways.
- Changes Law to Prohibit State in Fiscal Emergencies from Using Local-Government and Transportation Funds for Other Purposes. Allows Local Sales and Use Tax Increases by Majority Vote for Countywide Strategic Plans.
- Reduces Public Pension and Retirement Health-Care Benefits.
- Limits Pension Payments That New Public Employees May Receive Upon Retirement.
- Establishes Private-School Scholarships for Foster Children.
- Imposes Political Contribution and Expenditure Restrictions on Corporations.
- Imposes Additional Requirements for Voters to Approve Legislature's Two-Thirds Vote on State Taxes and to Approve Certain Local Taxes and Fees.
- Imposes Additional Requirements for Voters to Approve Legislature's Two-Thirds Vote on State Taxes and to Approve Local Levies and Charges with Limited Exceptions.
- Increases Legislative Vote Requirement to Two-Thirds for State Levies and Charges. Imposes Additional Requirement for Voters to Approve Local Levies and Charges with Limited Exceptions.
- Changes Methods of Calculating Public School Funding and State Spending Limit. Eliminates Constitutional Guarantee of State Funding of Community Colleges.
- Changes Method of Calculating State Spending Limit.

Initiatives Pending at AG's Office as of Jan. 27 (substantially similar measures not listed)

- California Against Slavery Act to Strengthen Human Trafficking Law – Self-explanatory; increases civil and criminal penalties, changes evidence rules, etc.
- California Jobs Initiative – Would prohibit implementation of AB 32 until state unemployment falls below 5.5% for four consecutive quarters.
- The McCauley-Rosen Wealth Tax and Oceans Preservation Act – Imposes new taxes on the most wealth and uses the money to buy controlling shares in specific major oil, finance, and car corporations, and to restore Hetch Hetchy.
- Increased Lottery Funding for Schools and Lottery Public Accountability Act of 2010 – Attempts to increase revenue generated for schools by the lottery.
- Financial Accountability in Redistricting Act – Amends the recently-enacted redistricting law to make it more accountable.
- The Renew California Act of 2010 – Rewrites the Constitution in whole.
- 2010 Ballot Reform Act – Requires clearer ballot label, title, and summary, and disallows Legislature from preparing their own.
- 21st Century Ballot Reform Act – Similar to "2010 Ballot Reform Act" above, but also requires the Secretary of State to post much more information about ballot measures online.
- California Public Divest From Israel Act – Self-explanatory; applies to CalPERS and CalSTRS.