

## **Initiative Measure to Be Submitted Directly To Voters**

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

**VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires that voters present one of four types of picture identification before voting: (1) California driver's license; (2) California Department of Motor Vehicles issued identification card; (3) military identification card; or (4) United States Passport. Requires that election precinct officers confirm the identity of each voter and record their identification number. Provides that failure to comply with these requirements will constitute election fraud, punishable as a felony. Allows voters who cannot provide identification to vote, in the form of a provisional ballot. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased county costs to verify voters' identification at each election held. These costs probably would not be significant.**

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California:

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the County (or City and County) set forth on the reverse, hereby propose amendments to the California Elections Code, relating to Section 2000 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 statutory amendments read as follows:

SECTION 1. Title. This initiative shall be known and may be cited as the Voter Identification Act.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Findings and Purposes. The People of California value the right to vote as one of their most important and fundamental rights, and have a special and compelling interest in safeguarding each and every vote from abuse or fraud. Present law does not require any proof of identity to be presented at the time of voting in person or by absentee ballot. To deter potential voter fraud, the People of California desire that poll workers verify the identity of each person desiring to vote to ensure that the person actually casting a ballot is the person entitled to vote.

SECTION 3. Voter Identification. California Elections Code §2000 shall be amended by adding a new subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Any person who desires to vote in person at a polling place shall present at the time of voting one of the following forms of valid picture identification:

- (1) California drivers license,
- (2) California Department of Motor Vehicles issued identification card,
- (3) military identification card or
- (4) United States Passport.

Precinct officers shall visually confirm the photograph and signature of the person desiring to vote, and shall record the identifying number and the type of identification presented in the roster of voters. Any violation or attempted violation of this subsection (c) shall constitute fraud pursuant to California Elections Code §18500. Any voter desiring to vote in person who is unable to present one of the forms of valid picture identification listed above shall be entitled to vote a provisional ballot. The requirement to present valid picture identification when voting shall be prominently printed on all sample ballots near the location where the voter's polling place is indicated."

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this initiative is held invalid or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications which can reasonably be given effect in the absence of the invalid provision or application.