

Introduced by Senator Costa

February 22, 2002

An act to amend Section 9051 of the Elections Code, relating to state elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1859, as introduced, Costa. Elections: ballot titles.

Existing law requires the Attorney General to prepare a ballot title for each measure submitted to the voters of the whole state. The ballot title must, in 100 words or less, give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure.

This bill would require that the Attorney General include in any ballot title for a measure that would authorize the sale of a bond the proportionate level of funding provided by the bond for all items funded by the measure.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9051 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 9051. Any person who is interested in any proposed measure
4 may at any time, prior to 150 days before the election at which the
5 measure is to be voted upon, file a copy of it with the Secretary of
6 State, together with a request that a ballot title be prepared for it.
7 This request shall be accompanied by the address of the person or
8 association of persons proposing the measure. The Secretary of
9 State shall immediately transmit a copy of the measure to the

1 Attorney General. Within 10 days after it is filed, the Attorney
2 General shall provide and return to the Secretary of State a ballot
3 title for the measure. The ballot title may differ from the legislative
4 or other title of the measure and shall express in not exceeding 100
5 words the purpose of the measure. *Where the measure would*
6 *authorize the sale of a bond the ballot title shall state the*
7 *proportionate level of funding provided by the board for any*
8 *programs, projects, or other items funded by the measure.* In
9 providing the ballot title, the Attorney General shall give a true and
10 impartial statement of the purpose of the measure in such language
11 that the ballot title shall neither be an argument, nor be likely to
12 create prejudice, for or against the proposed measure.

