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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1100

Introduced by Assembly Members Low and Bloom

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 9001 of the Elections Code, relating to ballot initiatives.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1100, as amended, Low. Ballot initiatives: filing fees.

Existing law requires a fee of \$200 to be paid by the proponents when a proposed ballot initiative or referendum is submitted to the Attorney General for preparation of a circulating title and summary.

This bill would increase the filing fee from \$200 to ~~\$8,000~~ \$2,500, and would require the Attorney General to adjust the filing fee in January of every odd-numbered year, as specified. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

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 9001 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 9001. (a) Before the circulation of an initiative or referendum
4 petition for signatures, the text of the proposed measure shall be
5 submitted to the Attorney General with a written request that a

1 circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of
 2 the proposed measure be prepared. The electors presenting the
 3 request shall be known as the “proponents.” The Attorney General
 4 shall preserve the written request until after the next general
 5 election.

6 (b) Each and every proponent of a proposed initiative measure
 7 shall, at the time of submitting the text of the proposed measure,
 8 provide both of the following:

9 (1) An original signed certification stating that “I, (insert name),
 10 declare under penalty of perjury that I am a citizen of the United
 11 States, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of (insert county),
 12 California.”

13 (2) Public contact information.

14 (c) The proponents of an initiative measure, at the time of
 15 submitting the text of the proposed measure to the Attorney
 16 General, shall pay a fee to the Attorney General of ~~eight thousand~~
 17 ~~dollars (\$8,000)~~ *two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)* that
 18 shall be placed in a trust fund in the office of the Treasurer and
 19 refunded to the proponents if the measure qualifies for the ballot
 20 within two years from the date the summary is furnished to the
 21 proponents. If the measure does not qualify within that period, the
 22 fee shall be immediately paid into the General Fund of the state.
 23 *The Attorney General shall adjust the fee in January of every*
 24 *odd-numbered year to reflect any increase in the Consumer Price*
 25 *Index, rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100).*

26 (d) All referenda and proposed initiative measures must be
 27 submitted to the Attorney General’s Initiative Coordinator located
 28 in the Sacramento Attorney General’s Office via U.S. Postal
 29 Service, alternative mail service, or personal delivery. Only printed
 30 documents will be ~~accepted~~, *accepted*; facsimile or ~~e-mail~~ *email*
 31 delivery will not be accepted.

32 (e) The Attorney General’s office shall not deem a request for
 33 a circulating title and summary submitted until all of the
 34 requirements of this section are met.

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