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Initiative 09-0059

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

PROHIBITS VOTING BY THOSE WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION. ADDS ADDITIONAL ABSENTEE VOTING REQUIREMENTS.

INITIATIVE STATUTE. Prohibits citizens from casting a regular ballot at the polls unless they present a government-issued photo-identification card. Restricts voting by citizens who fail to present government-issued photo-identification to casting only provisional ballots. Invalidates both mail-in and provisional ballots unless an elections official verifies that the last four digits of the voter's government-issued identification number on the ballot envelope are consistent with voter's corresponding government records. Establishes that ballots from absent military personnel are timely postmarked by election day. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Some increased government costs associated with voting in elections. These costs probably would not be significant. (09-0059.)