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

TANGIBLE BALLOTS. DIRECT-RECORDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Amends definition of "ballot" to require votes on a direct-recording electronic device, such as a touchscreen, result in a paper or other tangible ballot. Requires paper or other tangible ballot to be a physical object that may be indelibly marked by voters' physical action and be susceptible to counting through use of ordinary physical senses. Does not prohibit use of electronic, mechanical, or optical voting or vote counting, so long as tangible physical object results. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: One-time costs potentially in the tens of millions of dollars to replace or alter voting equipment. (06-0040.)