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Initiative 09-0018

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

**CHANGES CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW VOTERS TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION WITH AN INITIATIVE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL**

AMENDMENT. Amends the Constitution to permit voters to call a convention to write a new state Constitution by passing an initiative. Requires that such an initiative (1) prohibit all outside contact with convention delegates and staff during the convention; (2) prohibit the announcement of delegate names until after the convention begins; (3) require approval of only a simple majority of voters to adopt the convention's proposed new constitution; and (4) identify how new constitutional officers will be elected after voters approve a new constitution. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: No direct fiscal impact, as any effect would depend on whether and how voters used the power to call and accept the recommendations of a constitutional convention in the future. Potentially major fiscal changes in state and local governments could result. (09-0018.)