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Initiative 09-0057

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

**CHANGES LEGISLATIVE VOTE REQUIREMENT TO PASS A BUDGET FROM
TWO-THIRDS TO A SIMPLE MAJORITY. RETAINS TWO-THIRDS VOTE
REQUIREMENT FOR TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Changes the legislative vote requirement necessary to pass the state budget from two-thirds to a simple majority. Provides that if the Legislature fails to pass a budget bill by June 15, all members of the Legislature will permanently forfeit any reimbursement for salary and expenses for every day until the day the Legislature passes a budget bill. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Unknown changes in the content of the state budget from lowering the legislative vote requirement for passage. Fiscal impact would depend on the composition and actions of future Legislatures. Minor reduction in state costs related to compensation of legislators in years when the budget bill is passed after June 15. (09-0057.)