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Initiative 09-0039

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

REINSTATES RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Repeals the current provision in California's

Constitution that states only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. Provides that marriage is between only two persons and shall not be restricted on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. Clarifies that the initiative shall not be interpreted to require any clergy person to perform a marriage in violation of his or her religious beliefs. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Over the long run, this measure would likely have little fiscal impact on state and local governments. (09-0039.)