

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

ELIMINATION OF SPOUSAL SUPPORT. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Eliminates a court's ability to award and enforce spousal support during marriage, upon legal separation, or upon divorce or annulment of marriage. Terminates existing spousal support awards if the award is for less than ten years, unless a court grants an extension of up to one year. Reduces to zero, at the rate of 20 percent per year over a five-year period, existing spousal support awards that are greater than ten years in length. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Increased state court costs not likely to exceed the low tens of millions of dollars annually over the next few years related to petitions to terminate existing spousal support orders. Unknown net effect on state court costs related to future divorce and legal separation proceedings.** (15-0007.)