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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:

CANDIDATE VOTE REQUIREMENT AND RUNOFF ELECTIONS. QUALIFICATION OF UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES. STATUTORY AMENDMENT. Mandates a runoff election when no candidate in a state or federal election receives more than 50 percent of the total votes cast for that office. Allows for exceptions in local elections. Allows candidates unaffiliated with a recognized political party to qualify for specified state and federal offices by gathering signatures from the voters who would be represented by the candidate. Establishes different signature requirements for qualification depending on whether the candidate has assistance from volunteers or professionals when gathering signatures. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potential increase of state and county election expenses in the tens of millions of dollars for every four-year election cycle. (Initiative 07-0019.)