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Fiscal Note

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LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

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Provides for biennial legislative sessions. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

The present constitution provides that the legislature is to meet annually in regular session for a limited number of legislative days. It further provides that sessions convening in even-numbered years are to be general in nature, whereas those convening in odd-numbered years should be related to the general appropriation bill, capital outlay bill, other appropriation bills, taxes, and fees. Even-number sessions shall last no more than 60 legislative days during a period of 85 calendar days, and odd-numbered sessions no more than 45 legislative days during a period of 60 calendar days. The proposed constitutional amendment repeals the provisions relative to annual sessions in even-numbered and odd-numbered years and provides that the legislature meet biennially in regular session in even-numbered years for not more than 100 legislative days during a period of not more than 125 calendar days. It further provides for the adoption of a biennial budget cycle in conjunction with the biennial sessions. The proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors at the statewide election to be held on November 22, 2011. If approved, the amendment will become effective on January 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$2,525,040	(\$3,787,560)	\$2,525,040	\$1,262,520
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$2,525,040	(\$3,787,560)	\$2,525,040	\$1,262,520

REVENUES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

According to information provided by Senate and House Accounting, the average cost per legislative day is \$29,126 and \$34,000 respectively. Enactment of the proposed legislation will increase expenditures by approximately \$2,525,040 (Senate \$1,165,040 and House \$1,360,000) in FY 14 and FY 16 as the legislation will be effective January 14, 2014 (even-numbered year resulting in 40 additional legislative days). Assuming the legislature will not hold an extraordinary session during FY 15, expenditures will decrease by approximately \$3,787,560 (Senate -\$1,747,560 and House -\$2,040,000).

The Department of State budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments for the fall statewide elections as regular practice and any costs associated with this proposed constitutional amendment will be absorbed within the agency’s budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

☒ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

Dual Referral Rules

House

☒ 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}

☒ 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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