

BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY

REPEALS PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.

- Current law prohibits state and local governments from using public funds for election campaigns except in charter cities and counties.
- This measure repeals that prohibition and allows state and local governments to establish public campaign financing programs for candidates who agree to specified spending limits and meet eligibility criteria.
- Prohibits public funding programs from using funds earmarked for education, transportation, or public safety.
- Prohibits candidates from using public funds for legal defense costs, fines, or repayment of personal loans to campaigns.
- Triples maximum fine for campaign contributions by foreign entities.

Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:

- Ongoing costs to the state of a few hundred thousand dollars each year for the Fair Political Practices Commission to answer questions from state and local governments about public campaign finance programs.