

BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY

PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT EXCLUDE REVENUES FROM STATE SPENDING LIMIT. REQUIRES AUDITS FOR NEW STATE SPECIAL TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Prohibits any new state taxes that exclude their revenues from the state spending limit approved by voters in 1979.
- For statewide special taxes, requires (1) a pre-election audit of programs that would receive funding from a voter-proposed special tax, and (2) recurring audits of programs funded by special taxes enacted after January 1, 2026.
- States that other voter-approved measures appearing on the same ballot are void if they conflict with this measure and this measure receives more affirmative votes.

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

- Unknown net fiscal effect. Increased costs for the California State Auditor to implement new one-time and ongoing audit requirements of programs funded by special taxes. These costs would be mostly paid from the new revenues collected from the special taxes. Possible savings associated with implementing recommendations from the audits.