BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY

RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY TREATED ONLY AS MISDEMEANORS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

- Limits access to parole program established for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term of their primary offense by eliminating eligibility for certain offenses.

- Changes standards and requirements governing parole decisions under this program.

- Authorizes felony charges for specified theft crimes currently chargeable only as misdemeanors, including some theft crimes where the value is between $250 and $950.

- Requires persons convicted of specified misdemeanors to submit to collection of DNA samples for state database.

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

- Increased state and local correctional costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, primarily due to increases in county jail populations and levels of community supervision.

- Increased state and local court-related costs that could be more than several million dollars annually.

- Increased state and local law enforcement costs not likely to be more than a few million dollars annually related to collecting and processing DNA samples.