
M E M O R A N D U M

To: Mayor Albert Robles
Members of the Carson City Council

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Subject: Proposition 54 Ballot Summary

Proposition 54: Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Qualified through voter initiative.

Prohibits Legislature from passing any bill unless it has been in print and published on the Internet for at least 72 hours before the vote, except in cases of public emergency. Requires the Legislature to make audiovisual recordings of all its proceedings, except closed session proceedings, and post them on the Internet. Authorizes any person to record legislative proceedings by audio or video means, except closed session proceedings. Allows recordings of legislative proceedings to be used for any legitimate purpose, without payment of any fee to the State.

- **Support:** Arguments in support state this creates a more open, honest, and accountable government. It will empower the public to participate and have their voices heard in the political process.
 - Hold Politicians Accountable
 - California Common Cause
 - League of Women Voters of California
 - California NAACP, California Forward, California Chamber of Commerce, as well a number of other elected officials and organizations.
- **Opposition:**
 - No information available
- **Fiscal Impact:**
 - Increased costs to state government of potentially \$1 million to \$2 million initially and about \$1 million annually for making additional legislative proceedings available in audiovisual form on the Internet.



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