



Constitutional Convention Ballot Measures Fact Sheet

- Repair California filed two ballot measures on October 28, 2009, to call for a limited state Constitutional Convention. They are currently awaiting title and summary from the Attorney General.
- The first ballot measure, the *Citizens' Constitutional Convention Act*, amends Article 18, Section 2 of the California Constitution to allow the citizens of California to call for a Constitutional Convention by the vote of simple majority in a state-wide election ballot.
 - It specifies that a Call for a Convention can be made through the initiative process, so long as no convention has convened within ten years of such an election.
 - It stipulates that whether a Convention is called through the Legislature (the current route to a Convention) or through the initiative process (the new route to a Convention), the Convention call may prescribe judicially enforceable limits (a limited scope), it authorizes the Convention to propose both a revision or separate amendments to the Constitution and finally, it allows the call to outline a fair methods for selecting or electing delegates.
- The second ballot measure, *The Call for a Citizens' Limited Constitutional Convention*, would call for the Convention and set forth the following rules and principals:
 - Forms the Constitutional Convention Commission, made up of the Fair Political Practices Commission or their designees, which will: Incur all costs of the Convention; determine the date and location of the Convention; hire the Constitutional Convention Clerk and other staff and counsel; be the final arbiter of delegate qualification; provide for the training of delegates; determine if required deadlines should be extended; and, provide any additional assistance as determined by the Convention.
 - Outlines the duties of the Constitutional Convention Clerk who will: Prepare and manage the Convention budget; establish Convention rules for adoption; serve as interim-Chair for Convention until the delegates elect a Chair; hires staff and provides analysis for the delegates' deliberation (provided that the delegates may also call upon the state's Legislative Analyst or other sources of information); establish and maintain Convention website; and, oversee the administration of Convention and other duties determined by the Commission or the Convention.



- Describes the three different types of delegates to be selected: Assembly District delegates, County delegates and Indian Tribe delegates.
 - There will be 240 Assembly District delegates, three from each district.
 - There will be one County delegate for each 175,000 residents of that County. If a County has less than 175,000 residents, it will have one delegate.
 - There will be four Indian Tribe delegates, serving as representatives of the federally recognized Indian Tribes in the State.
- Outlines the process by which each type of delegate is selected. (see Delegate Selection paper)
- Limits the scope of the Convention to the following four categories:
 - Government Effectiveness, with emphasis on establishing a method for ensuring government efficiency.
 - Elections and the Initiative Process, with a focus on reducing special interest influence.
 - Spending and Budgeting, relating to the process, term and balancing of the budget, voting thresholds and mandating spending.
 - Governance, including the relationship between the state and local governments and the structure of the legislative and executive branches.
- Further limits the scope of the Convention by dictating that the Convention may not propose direct tax or fee increases nor shall it address social issues or other issues related to increasing taxes and changes that could threaten protections on civil rights.
- Requires the Convention commence no later than May 20, 2011 and the delegate's package of proposals will be voted upon no later than at the November 2012 general election.
- Outlines quorum, voting rules and order of business responsibilities.
- Ensures that all proceedings of the Convention are free and open to the public and sets forth rules to ensure openness and transparency.
- Note: The parameters governing the proposed Convention set forth in this initiative and inserted as statutory government code will expire on December 31, 2012, unless otherwise extended by the Legislature.

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