

SB 90 – Ballot DISCLOSE Act Summary

- SB 90, the Ballot DISCLOSE Act, is authored by Senator Henry Stern and sponsored by the California Clean Money Campaign.
- Existing law defines the ballot label as the portion of the ballot containing the names of the candidates or a statement of a measure.
- SB 90 would require the ballot label of every state ballot measure to include a short list of official supporters and official opponents, so every voter sees this important info, which under current law is provided only in the state voter information guide, not on the ballot itself.
- Specifically, SB 90 would require the ballot label for statewide measures to include a listing of the signers of ballot arguments printed in the state voter information guide that support and oppose the measure or the signers of the rebuttal arguments to the arguments that support and oppose the measure, as specified.
- The bill would require the signers of the ballot arguments to submit the lists of supporters and opponents to the Secretary of State and would require the Secretary of State to provide those lists to county elections officials as part of the ballot label.
- Would add a maximum of 30 words to the current maximum for ballot labels for statewide initiatives, which is 75 words.