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## Cal Elec Code § 13119

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Order (§§ 13100 — 13121)***

### **§ 13119. Words to appear on ballot containing measure proposed by local governing body or submitted as initiative or referendum**

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- (a) The ballots used when voting upon a measure proposed by a local governing body or submitted to the voters as an initiative or referendum measure pursuant to Division 9 (commencing with [Section 9000](#)), including a measure authorizing the issuance of bonds or the incurrence of debt, shall have printed on them the words “Shall the measure (stating the nature thereof) be adopted?” To the right or below the statement of the measure to be voted on, the words “Yes” and “No” shall be printed on separate lines, with voting targets. If a voter marks the voting target next to the printed word “Yes,” the voter’s vote shall be counted in favor of the adoption of the measure. If the voter marks the voting target next to the printed word “No,” the voter’s vote shall be counted against its adoption.
- (b) If the proposed measure imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, the ballot shall include in the statement of the measure to be voted on the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied.
- (c) The statement of the measure shall be a true and impartial synopsis of the purpose of the proposed measure, and shall be in language that is neither argumentative nor likely to create prejudice for or against the measure.
- (d) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:
- (1) “Local governing body” means the governing body of a city, county, city and county, including a charter city or charter county, or district, including a school district.
  - (2) “Target” means an object designated as the aim for a voter to make a vote selection.

### **History**

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Added [Stats 1994 ch 920 § 2 \(SB 1547\)](#). Amended [Stats 2015 ch 337 § 1 \(AB 809\)](#), effective January 1, 2016; [Stats 2017 ch 105 § 1 \(AB 195\)](#), effective January 1, 2018; [Stats 2018 ch 57 § 4 \(AB 2835\)](#), effective January 1, 2019; [Stats 2019 ch 863 § 3 \(AB 623\)](#), effective January 1, 2020.

Annotations

### **Notes**

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**Derivation:**

**Editor's Notes—****Amendments:****Derivation:**

- (a) Former Elec C §§ 3714, 4014, 5156.
- (b) Former Elec C § 10235, as added Stats 1976 ch 248 § 4, amended Stats 1976 ch 1438 § 10.8, Stats 1983 ch 756 § 6.
- (c) Former Elec C §§ 1614, 1714.
- (d) Former Elec C § 1906, as added by Stats 1957 ch 2146 § 1 p 3804.
- (e) Former Pol C § 4058, as added by Stats 1911 ch 342 § 1 p 577, amended by Stats 1911 Ex Sess ch 31 § 1 p 125, Stats 1937 ch 332 § 3 p 727.
- (f) Stats 1911 Ex Sess ch 33 § 1 p 131, as amended by Stats 1915 ch 155 § 1 p 319.

**Editor's Notes—**

For disposition of former provisions, see the table at the beginning of Volume [1 Elec C](#).

For legislative intent, see the 1994 note following Elec C § [13100](#).

**Amendments:****2015 Amendment:**

Added (1) subdivision designation (a); and (2) subd (b).

**2017 Amendment:**

In (a), in the first sentence, substituted “measure proposed by a local governing body or submitted to the voters as an initiative or referendum” for “proposed county, city, or district ordinance submitted to the voters of the respective local government” and added “including a measure authorizing the issuance of bonds or the incurrence of debt”; substituted “measure” for “ordinance” in (a) and (b); and added (c) and (d).

**2018 Amendment (ch 57):**

In (a), in the second sentence, substituted “To the right or below the statement” for “Opposite the statement”, deleted “and to its right,” following “voted on,” and substituted “voting targets” for “voting squares”, and substituted “voting target” for “voting square” in the third and last sentences; and rewrote (d) which read: “For purposes of this section, ‘local governing body’ means the governing body of a city, county, city and county, including a charter city or charter county, or district, including a school district”; and added (d)(2).

**2019 Amendment (ch 863):**

In (a), in the second sentence, substituted “marks” for “stamps a cross (+)”, “next to” for “after”, and “the voter's” for “his or her”; and in the last sentence, substituted “the voter marks the voting target next to” for “he or she stamps a cross (+) in the voting target after” and “the voter's” for “his or her”.

**Research References & Practice Aids**

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**Cross References:**

Marking ballot with respect to measures submitted: Elec C § [14286](#).

**Jurisprudences:**

Cal Jur 3d (Rev) Elections § 136.

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