

Measure: K335

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please carefully read the following description of a ballot measure that was written by a disinterested expert. Feel free to take notes or outline passages as you read.

This should take approximately 5 minutes.

BALLOT MEASURE K335

BACKGROUND

In general, California has three types of elections: primary, general, and special. Primary elections are held for both partisan offices, where candidates are identified on the ballot with a political party, and nonpartisan offices, where candidates are not identified with a political party.

In order to vote in primary elections for partisan offices, a voter must have identified a political party affiliation when registering to vote and can vote only for candidates of that party. Voters who have not identified a political party affiliation cannot vote for candidates running for partisan office in primary elections. These voters, however, can vote for candidates for nonpartisan offices and on propositions.

For every primary election, the elections official in each county is required to prepare a partisan ballot for each political party and a nonpartisan ballot for voters who have not identified a political party affiliation.

PROPOSAL

This measure allows all persons who are entitled to vote in primary elections, including those not affiliated with a political party, to vote for any candidate regardless of the candidate's political party affiliation. Thus, voters in primary elections would be allowed to vote for candidates across political party lines. Furthermore, the initiative provides that county elections officials prepare only one ballot for all voters. The candidates for an office would be listed randomly on the ballot and not grouped by political party affiliation. The candidate of each political party who receives the most votes for a state elective office becomes the nominee of that party at the next general election.

These provisions do not apply to elections of political party committee members. In these elections, voters would be restricted to voting for candidates of their own political party affiliation.



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