

**Summary of
Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s 2012 Initiative,
"The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act"**

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On December 5, 2011, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. filed a [ballot initiative](#) with the Attorney General's office entitled, "The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012." The ballot initiative is intended to be placed before the voters at the November 6, 2012 statewide election.

If approved by the majority of the voters, this measure would amend the State Constitution to do the following:

- Increase the state sales and use tax rate by 0.5 percent for a four-year period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending January 1, 2017.
- Increase the state personal income tax rate for a five-year period beginning with the 2012 tax year by
 - 1 percent for individual filers with taxable income over \$250,000, or heads of households with taxable income over \$340,000,
 - 1.5 percent for taxable income over \$300,000, or heads of households with taxable income over \$408,000, and
 - 2 percent for taxable income over \$500,000, or heads of households with taxable income over \$680,000.
 - For joint filers, the increase would apply to taxable incomes that are double the amounts for individual filers.
- Place the framework for the recent "realignment" of criminal justice and social services programs in the state's Constitution, and clarify that the revenues supporting realignment do not count toward the Proposition 98 guarantee.

Under the proposed initiative, the revenues from the 0.5 percent sales and use tax increase would be transferred to a newly created Education Protection Account for appropriation to community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools.

The Attorney General's office is expected to issue a Title and Summary for this ballot initiative on or around January 27, 2012, at which time the proponents may begin gathering signatures in order to qualify the initiative for the ballot. As a proposed constitutional amendment, the number of valid signatures required to qualify this initiative for the ballot is 807,615, which represents eight percent of the votes for the candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.