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## Prop 2 State Budget. Budget Stabilization Account. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

### Summary

*Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

Requires annual transfer of state general fund revenues to budget stabilization account. Requires half the revenues be used to repay state debts. Limits use of remaining funds to emergencies or budget deficits. Fiscal Impact: Long-term state savings from faster payment of existing debts. Different levels of state budget reserves, depending on economy and decisions by elected officials. Smaller local reserves for some school districts.

*On August 13, 2014, Proposition 43 was removed and Proposition 1 was added to the ballot by the State Legislature and Governor. Information on Proposition 1 will be provided in a Supplemental Voter Information Guide.*

### What Your Vote Means

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: Existing state debts likely would be paid faster. There would be new rules for state budget reserves. Local school district budget reserves would be capped in some years.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: Rules for payment of state debts, state budget reserves, and local school district reserves would not change.

### Arguments

**PRO** Proposition 2 establishes a STRONG RAINY DAY FUND in the State Constitution that will force the Legislature and Governor to save money and pay down debts, which will shield TAXPAYERS from UNNECESSARY TAX INCREASES and PROTECT SCHOOLS from devastating cuts. BOTH Democrats and Republicans SUPPORT Proposition 2.

**CON** Vote NO on 2 to PROTECT SCHOOLS. Proposition 2 hides a DANGEROUS financial time bomb that will LIMIT districts' ability to save. Proposition 2 helps to keep California ranked 50th in the nation in per pupil spending. Don't trust Sacramento. Get facts from parents, not politicians at [www.2BadForKids.org](http://www.2BadForKids.org).

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## Prop 45 Healthcare Insurance. Rate Changes. Initiative Statute.

### Summary

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

Requires Insurance Commissioner's approval before health insurer can change its rates or anything else affecting the charges associated with health insurance. Provides for public notice, disclosure, and hearing, and subsequent judicial review. Exempts employer large group health plans. Fiscal Impact: Increased state administrative costs to regulate health insurance, likely not exceeding the low millions of dollars annually in most years, funded from fees paid by health insurance companies.

### What Your Vote Means

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: Rates for individual and small group health insurance would need to be approved by the Insurance Commissioner before taking effect.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: State regulators would continue to have the authority to review, but not approve, rates for individual and small group health insurance.

### Arguments

**PRO** Californians are being overcharged for health insurance. Prop. 45 will stop the price gouging by requiring health insurance companies to be transparent and publicly justify rates *before* premiums can increase. The same regulation of auto insurance has saved drivers billions. Sponsors: Consumer Watchdog, California Nurses Association. Opponents: health insurance companies.

**CON** Prop. 45 is a power grab by special interests to take control over health care benefits and rates from California's successful new independent commission—and give it to one Sacramento politician instead. Higher costs, more bureaucracy. Political interference with treatment options. Exempts big corporations. Nurses, doctors, consumers say vote No!

### For Additional Information

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## Prop 46 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits. Initiative Statute.

### Summary

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

Requires drug testing of doctors. Requires review of statewide prescription database before prescribing controlled substances. Increases \$250,000 pain/suffering cap in medical negligence lawsuits for inflation. Fiscal Impact: State and local government costs from raising the cap on medical malpractice damages ranging from tens of millions to several hundred million dollars annually, offset to some extent by savings from requirements on health care providers.

### What Your Vote Means

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: The cap on medical malpractice damages for such things as pain and suffering would be increased from \$250,000 to \$1.1 million and adjusted annually for future inflation. Health care providers would be required to check a statewide prescription drug database before prescribing or dispensing certain drugs to a patient for the first time. Hospitals would be required to test certain physicians for alcohol and drugs.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: The cap on medical malpractice damages for such things as pain and suffering would remain at \$250,000 and not be subject to annual inflation adjustments. Health care providers would not be required to check a statewide prescription database before prescribing or dispensing drugs. Hospitals would not be required to test physicians for alcohol and drugs.

### Arguments

**PRO** 46 saves lives. It prevents substance abuse by doctors and patients and holds negligent doctors accountable. Estimates show 18% of health professionals have an abuse problem in their lifetimes. Medical negligence is this country's third largest cause of death. Prescription drug overdoses are epidemic. A cure is overdue. Vote Yes.

**CON** Trial lawyers wrote Prop. 46 to make millions from medical malpractice lawsuits. We will pay, and could lose our trusted doctors—as many doctors and specialists are forced to leave California, moving to states with more affordable medical-liability insurance. Protect your wallet and access to healthcare. No on 46.

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## Prop 47 Criminal Sentences, Misdemeanor Penalties, Initiative Statute.

### Summary

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

Requires misdemeanor sentence instead of felony for certain drug and property offenses. Inapplicable to persons with prior conviction for serious or violent crime and registered sex offenders. Fiscal Impact: State and county criminal justice savings potentially in the high hundreds of millions of dollars annually. State savings spent on school truancy and dropout prevention, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and victim services.

### What Your Vote Means

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: Criminal offenders who commit certain nonserious and nonviolent drug and property crimes would be sentenced to reduced penalties (such as shorter terms in jail). State savings resulting from the measure would be used to support school truancy and dropout prevention, victim services, mental health and drug abuse treatment, and other programs designed to keep offenders out of prison and jail.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: Penalties for offenders who commit certain nonserious and nonviolent drug and property crimes would not be reduced.

### Arguments

**PRO** Changes low-level nonviolent crimes, such as simple drug possession and petty theft from felonies to misdemeanors. Authorizes felonies for registered sex offenders and anyone previously convicted of rape, murder or child molestation. Saves hundreds of millions of dollars every year and funds schools, crime victims, mental health and drug treatment.

**CON** Potentially releases 10,000 felons from state prison. Reduces penalties for stealing guns. Reduces penalties for possession of “date rape” drugs. Opposed by prosecutors, law enforcement, and the business community. Opposed by crime victims and sexual abuse victims. Vote NO on Proposition 47.

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## Prop 48 Indian Gaming Compacts. Referendum.

### Summary

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

A “Yes” vote approves, and a “No” vote rejects, tribal gaming compacts between the state and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and the Wiyot Tribe. Fiscal Impact: One-time payments (\$16 million to \$35 million) and for 20 years annual payments (\$10 million) from Indian tribes to state and local governments to address costs related to the operation of a new casino.

### What Your Vote Means

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: The state’s compacts with the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and the Wiyot Tribe would go into effect. As a result, North Fork would be able to construct and operate a new casino in Madera County and would be required to make various payments to state and local governments, Wiyot, and other tribes.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: The state’s compacts with North Fork and Wiyot would not go into effect. As a result, neither tribe could begin gaming unless new compacts were approved by the state and federal governments.

### Arguments

**PRO** Supported by GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN, a YES vote on 48 will create THOUSANDS OF JOBS, generate ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES in one of the state’s poorest regions, retain LOCAL CONTROL of a strongly-supported project, provide REVENUE TO STATE and LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, promote tribal self-sufficiency, and avoid development in environmentally sensitive regions.

**CON** *Opens floodgate for off-reservation gaming. Bad deal for California.* Breaks promise that Indian casinos would be on original tribal land. Authorizes massive off-reservation casino bringing more crime and pollution to Central Valley. No new money to the state general fund or schools. Vote NO on Prop. 48.

### For Additional Information

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*On August 11, 2014, Proposition 49 was removed from the ballot by order of the California Supreme Court.*

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## Supplemental Voter Information Guide

The deadline for ballot measures to qualify for this election was June 26, 2014. State law required this voter guide to be printed in August 2014. The Legislature and the Governor added a measure to the November ballot. The Secretary of State will prepare and mail a Supplemental Voter Information Guide to you. The Secretary of State will also post updated information at [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov).

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<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov>
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[www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov)
- Find your polling place on Election Day  
[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/find-polling-place.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/find-polling-place.htm)
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information  
[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_m.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_m.htm)
- Read helpful information for first-time voters  
[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/new-voter](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/new-voter)
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day  
<http://vote.sos.ca.gov>