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Introduction

The Board of Editors is pleased to introduce in this edition of the *Pacific Law Journal* three student reviews of a burgeoning area in California's statutory law—the November initiatives. Though analyses of three June initiatives were included in January's *Review of Selected California Legislation*, publishing deadlines prevented us from including the November initiatives in the review. In keeping with the *Pacific Law Journal's* continuing efforts to better serve the legal community and to broaden our coverage of important legal developments in California, we offer the *Review of Selected California Legislation Addendum*.

While many important initiatives were passed in the November elections, this issue will concentrate on only three: Proposition 96, Proposition 103, and Proposition 105. Proposition 96, which permits nonconsensual AIDS testing, is extensively analyzed because of the alarming constitutional problems posed by nonconsensual testing. Proposition 103, the "insurance revolt" initiative, also raises many constitutional issues. However, since these issues are expected to be resolved by the California Supreme Court before or soon after our April publication date, the analysis does not discuss those issues. Finally, though passed with little fanfare, the consumer information initiative, Proposition 105, is included to inform the legal community of the demands imposed by the proposition's labeling and disclosure requirements.

The format for the *Addendum* is essentially the same as that used in the annual *Review of Selected California Legislation*. The term "prior law" refers to the law in effect before the enactment of the proposition but that is no longer in effect after the passage of the initiative. "Existing law" refers to law which was in effect before the passage of the initiative and which remains in effect after the passage of the initiative. Of course, references to a proposition indicate new law enacted by the initiative.

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Finally, the Board of Editors wishes to express our appreciation to the staff members who volunteered to take on the additional assignment of reviewing a ballot initiative. We hope that their hard work spent analyzing these initiatives will provide a useful resource to the California legal community.

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