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Reform Scorecard
1993

| | <u>Passed</u> | <u>Failed</u> | <u>Pending</u> | |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | | <u>House</u> | <u>Senate</u> |
| Budget and Tax Reform | | | | |
| 1. Balanced Budget: W/O Gimmicks and New Taxes | | | | X |
| 2. Debt Restrictions: CA | | | X | X |
| 3. Restrict Special District Authority: CA | | | X | |
| 4. Limit Use of Nonrecurring Revenues: CA | X | | | |
| 5. Require Feasibility Studies for Capital Outlay: CA | | | | X |
| 6. Performance Audits | | | | X |
| 7. Eliminate "Continuation" Budget | | | | X |
| 8. Fiscal Sessions Only: CA | | | X | |
| 9. Appropriation Limits: CA | | X | | |
| Retirement Reform | | | | |
| 10. Prohibit Retirement for Part-Time Elected Officials | | | X | X |
| 11. Prefile Retirement Bills: CA | | | X | |
| 12. New Retirement System | | X | | |

Passed Failed Pending
House Senate

13. Legislative Review of Retirement System Budgets

X

14. Eliminate 20-Year Teacher Retirement

X

Education Reform

15. Single Higher Education Board

X

16. Lower Homestead Exemption: Schools

X

Ethics

17. Prohibit Lobbyist Campaign Contributions: Session

X

18. Lobbyist Disclosure

X

19. Prohibit Legislators From State Contracts

X

20. Voter Hauling Prohibition

X

Other

21. Limit Bill Introductions: CA

X

22. Term Limits: CA

X

CA--Constitutional Amendment.

Summary

Passed 1

Failed 4

Pending

House 8

Senate 11

APPENDIX A

Budget Tax Reform

1. **Balanced Budget: W/O Gimmicks and New Taxes**

To balance the state budget without gimmicks and new taxes.

Status: Passed House; Senate committee; HB 1.

2. **Debt Restrictions: CA**

To limit annual state debt payments to no more than 6% of total state revenues by the year 2002. This will limit annual issues of new debt to \$150 million to \$200 million.

Status: The House has passed both a House and Senate bill; SB 1079, HB 275.

3. **Restrict Special District Authority: CA**

To prohibit the creation of special districts to levy taxes or to borrow or spend funds for purposes or by means prohibited the state.

Status: Passed Senate and House committee; SB 87.

4. **Limit Use of Nonrecurring Revenues: CA**

To restrict the use of nonrecurring or one-time funds to paying off debt early.

Status: Adopted in 1993 March Special Session.

5. **Require Feasibility Studies for Capital Outlay: CA**

To constitutionally require feasibility studies for all projects prior to inclusion in the capital outlay bill.

Status: Passed House and Senate committee; HB 148.

6. **Performance Audits**

To establish a procedure for performance audits of state government by the Legislative Auditor.

Status: Passed House; HB 164.

7. **Eliminate "Continuation" Budget**

To eliminate the use of a "continuation" budget development and instead require proposed budgets be based on existing spending levels.

Status: Passed House and Senate committee; HB 722.

8. **Fiscal Sessions Only: CA**

To provide that regular sessions in even-numbered years be limited to tax and appropriation issues.

Status: Passed Senate and House committee; SB 83.

9. **Appropriation Limits: CA**

To limit appropriations to no more than 98% of estimates; certain balances can be used to eliminate deficits and for debt retirement.

Status: Passed House; defeated Senate committee; HB 238.

Retirement Reform

10. **Prohibit Retirement for Part-Time Elected Officials**

To prohibit part-time elected officials from participating in retirement systems. The House version also includes part-time appointed officials.

Status: The Senate and House have passed separate bills; the House version is a constitutional amendment; SB 224, HB 313.

11. **Prefile Retirement Bills: CA**

To require that proposals affecting retirement systems be filed at least 90 days prior to a regular session.

Status: Passed Senate and House committee; SB 78.

12. **New Retirement System**

To establish a new retirement system for all new state employees and teachers. Provides for a defined contribution plan in lieu of a defined benefit plan.

Status: Failed House committee; HB 1652.

13. Legislative Review of Retirement System Budgets

To make budgets of state retirement systems subject to the state budgetary process.

Status: Passed Senate; SB 1058.

14. Eliminate 20-Year Teacher Retirement

To eliminate the 20-year teacher retirement program for future hires.

Status: Failed Senate; SB 225.

Education Reform

15. Single Higher Education Board

To provide for a single board to replace the existing four-board structure.

Status: Passed Senate committee; received 24 votes on Senate Floor, two less than needed; SB 1.

16. Lower Homestead Exemption--Schools: CA

To lower the homestead exemption to \$35,000 for new and renewed school millages.

Status: Passed Senate committee; SB 118.

Ethics

17. Prohibit Lobbyist Campaign Contributions: Session

To prohibit campaign contributions during legislative sessions.

Status: Passed House; HB 2037.

18. Lobbyist Disclosure

To detail expenditures by lobbyists.

Status: Passed House; HB 2037.

19. Prohibit Legislators From State Contracts

To limit a legislator's ability to enter into contracts with state agencies.

Status: Passed Senate; SB 35.

20. **Voter Hauling Prohibition**

To ban candidates from paying drivers to haul voters to the polls.

Status: Passed House and Senate committee; HB 96.

Other

21. **Limit Bill Introductions: CA**

To limit to five the number of bills that each legislator can introduce after the Friday before the first day of the regular session.

Status: Passed Senate and House committee; SB 121.

22. **Term Limits: CA**

To limit terms of state elected officials.

Status: None have passed either house.