



FACT SHEET

ACA 13 is a last-minute, cynical attempt by professional politicians and the special interests who control them to maintain the status quo — a world where Californians are charged higher and higher taxes. That's why Sacramento politicians introduced it in the final weeks of the Legislature's session as a gut-and-amend measure to avoid the public's scrutiny.

The measure is a deliberate attack on the taxpayer protections in Proposition 13 and Proposition 218 and the right of voters through the initiative process. ACA 13 is a clear sign that politicians and special interests are so desperate to undo Prop 13 that they are trying to sneak in a new constitutional amendment that will take power away from voters to defend against future Prop 13 attacks.

ACA 13 will change the constitution to curtail voters' ability to pass new taxpayer protection measures — making it even easier for politicians and special interests to raise taxes, fees, and the cost of living on Californians struggling with the highest income, sales, and gas taxes in the nation.

The Legislature must stand up for voters' power to determine how they are governed and reject ACA 13!

A DIRECT ATTACK ON PROP 13

ACA 13 is a direct attack on Prop 13 and weakens the right of voters to restore Prop 13's protections when the courts or Legislature weakens them.

- The courts have repeatedly ruled against the will of the voters and weakened voter-enacted taxpayer protections like Prop 13. Under ACA 13, the power shifts to the Legislature to defend the will of voters and diminishes the voice of voters to defend measures they've already passed.
- If ACA 13 passes, taxpayer protections against court-created loopholes would now have to be passed by two-thirds of voters.
- Without these taxpayer protections, politicians and special interests will raise billions of new and higher taxes through local special taxes.

WEAKENS VOTERS' ABILITY TO PASS TAXPAYER PROTECTION BALLOT MEASURES

The initiative process was created as a check-and-balance on the Legislature, so voters have a greater say in how California is governed.

- Yet, ACA 13 is an attempt to diminish the power of the voter initiative process—vesting even more power to special interests and their allies in the Legislature.
 - The bill takes power away from the people to pass taxpayer protection measures to reign in out-of-control taxes and shifts even more power to the Legislature.
 - ACA 13 also curtails voters' power to reinstate their will when the courts interfere or weaken laws they pass — even when those laws were initially passed with a majority vote.
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A SPECIAL INTEREST PLOY TO REDUCE VOTERS' POWER

Special interests who control the supermajority party in California no longer want the Legislature to be accountable to voters — that's why they are pushing ACA 13.

- State legislators have been working with special interests to whittle down the power of the initiative process and the ability for voters to directly have a say in how they are governed.
- SB 202 in 2012 moved all voter-backed measures to the November ballot, AB 1100 in 2016 drastically increased the cost to submit a voter-backed measure to the Attorney General, and AB 421 just this year seeks to make major changes to the referendum process.
- Now ACA 13 is the latest example of their agenda to stack the deck further in favor of politicians and special interests.



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