

## **BALLOT ARGUMENTS - GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A Ballot Argument for a county, district, city or school district measure shall not exceed 300 words in length. EC 9162, 9282, 9315, 9501 (Exception - 500 words to reorganize a school district).
- No more than 5 signatures shall appear with any argument. EC 9164, 9283, 9501
- Each argument/rebuttal argument shall be accompanied by a statement to be signed by each author declaring that the argument/rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. EC 9600.
- When any ballot argument/rebuttal argument is submitted, they may be withdrawn by the authors any time prior to and including the final date for filing the argument/rebuttal argument. EC 9601.

## **WORD COUNTING STANDARDS - GENERAL INFORMATION**

The title of the argument at the top of the form is not counted - only the text.

Punctuation is not counted.

Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified:

Geographical Names = 1 word, EXAMPLE: City of Portola, County of Plumas or Crescent Mills.

Abbreviations are counted as 1 word, EXAMPLE: CPA, PUSD

Hyphenated Words - found in a dictionary are counted as 1 word, EXAMPLE: in-house

Dates = consisting of only digits are counted as 1 word, EXAMPLE: 01/01/2017, dates consisting of a combination of words and digits are counted as 2 words, EXAMPLE: January 20, 2017.

Digital Numbers = are counted as 1 word, EXAMPLE: 100 is counted as 1 word.

Written Numbers = are counted as 2 words, EXAMPLE: one hundred as 2 words.

Phone Numbers = are counted as 1 word.

Internet Addresses = are counted as 1 word.

Words in ALL CAPITALS, **bold**, *italics*, underlined or with \*\*\*stars\*\*\* or ...dots..., are not allowed.

**PLEASE PROOFREAD YOUR ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL.** We are not responsible for correcting any misspelling, grammar or punctuation. Your document will be printed as submitted.