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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

The voters of the City of San Diego created an independently elected City Attorney as part of the adoption of a City Charter in 1931. However, the Charter does not specifically address the role of the Assistants and Deputy City Attorneys (DCAs) who work under this elected individual. These positions serve “at will,” meaning at the pleasure of the City Attorney. Assistants are appointed by the City Attorney to fulfill a management role within the office. DCAs provide specific legal services to the City and practice in such areas as Civil Litigation, Civil Advisory, Labor, Neighborhood Prosecution, Domestic Violence and General Criminal.

This ballot measure would amend the Charter of the City of San Diego to establish a good cause requirement for the termination or suspension of DCAs who have served continuously for two years or more, except that any DCA may be subject to layoff due to lack of work or insufficient appropriation to meet the salary requirements necessary to maintain existing personnel. It will also specify a maximum number of Assistants that the City Attorney may appoint at any time.