


	Legislature: Simple Majority Vote	Legislature: Two-Thirds Vote	Governor's Signature Required?	Voter Approval Required?
State Budget Package				
Pass the Budget Act <i>Initial budget bill for a fiscal year</i>	X		X	
Pass a "Budget Bill Junior" <i>Informal term for any budget bill that amends the Budget Act</i>	X		X	
Pass a trailer bill* <i>Implements budget-related policy changes</i>	X		X	
Other Spending-Related Bills	Legislature: Simple Majority Vote	Legislature: Two-Thirds Vote	Governor's Signature Required?	Voter Approval Required?
Pass a bill with a General Fund appropriation for public schools	X		X	
Pass any other bill that contains a General Fund appropriation		X	X	
Revenues	Legislature: Simple Majority Vote	Legislature: Two-Thirds Vote	Governor's Signature Required?	Voter Approval Required?
Impose or increase a state tax		X	X	
Impose or increase a state fee	X		X	
Reduce or eliminate a state tax or fee	X		X	
Reallocate property tax dollars within a county among cities, counties, and special districts		X	X	
Bonds	Legislature: Simple Majority Vote	Legislature: Two-Thirds Vote	Governor's Signature Required?	Voter Approval Required?
Pass a general obligation (GO) bond measure		X	X	X
Pass a lease-revenue bond measure	X		X	
Changes to the State Constitution	Legislature: Simple Majority Vote	Legislature: Two-Thirds Vote	Governor's Signature Required?	Voter Approval Required?
Amend or revise the state Constitution		X		X
Move, to a subsequent election, a constitutional amendment or revision that the Legislature has placed on the ballot	X		X	
Withdraw a constitutional amendment or revision that the Legislature has placed on the ballot		X		
Call a constitutional convention		X		X
Changes to Laws Enacted by Voters Through the Initiative Process ("Initiative Statutes")	Legislature: Simple Majority Vote	Legislature: Two-Thirds Vote	Governor's Signature Required?	Voter Approval Required?
Amend or repeal an initiative statute**	X		X	X
Other Actions	Legislature: Simple Majority Vote	Legislature: Two-Thirds Vote	Governor's Signature Required?	Voter Approval Required?
Pass an urgency bill <i>Contains an urgency clause to take effect immediately</i>		X	X	
Pass a "garden variety" policy bill <i>Does not contain an urgency clause or an appropriation; takes effect on January 1 of the following calendar year</i>	X		X	
Override the governor's veto of an appropriation or a bill		X		
Make changes affecting legislators' travel and living expenses		X	X	
* Under rules established by Prop. 25 (2010), trailer bills generally can be passed by a simple majority vote of each house of the Legislature and take effect immediately upon being signed by the governor. The only requirements for trailer bills are that they (1) be listed in the Budget Act and (2) contain an appropriation of any amount. However, even with Prop. 25, some types of trailer bills require a supermajority — generally two-thirds — vote of each house. This includes, for example, trailer bills that would raise taxes or amend a state law that was approved by voters through a ballot initiative. However, most trailer bills will need only a simple majority vote to pass. ** The state Constitution allows the Legislature to pass a majority-vote bill that amends or repeals an initiative statute. However, any such bill must be approved by voters at a statewide election unless the initiative waives this requirement. In practice, initiative statutes often allow lawmakers to pass amendments, typically by a two-thirds vote of each house, without voter approval if such changes would further the purpose of the initiative. Other types of changes, including repeal, typically remain subject to voter approval.				
Source: Legislative Analyst's Office, Senate Bill 202 (Hancock, Chapter 558 of 2011), and Budget Center analysis of California Constitution				 California Budget & Policy Center