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Two Tax-Related Initiatives Enter Circulation

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponents of two new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the first measure is as follows:

INCREASES LEGISLATIVE VOTE REQUIREMENT TO TWO-THIRDS FOR STATE LEVIES AND CHARGES. IMPOSES ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR VOTERS TO APPROVE LOCAL LEVIES AND CHARGES WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Increases legislative vote requirement to two-thirds for state levies and charges, with limited exceptions, currently subject to majority vote. Changes Constitution to require voters to approve, either by two-thirds or majority, local levies and charges with limited exceptions. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potentially major decrease in state and local revenues and spending in the future, depending upon actions of the Legislature, local governing bodies, and voters.** (09-0100.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1452 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 09-0100.

The proponent for this measure, Allan Zaremberg, must collect signatures of 694,354 registered voters – the number equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election – in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by July 19, 2010.

Mr. Zaremberg can be reached at (415) 389-6800.

The Attorney General's official title and summary for the second measure is as follows:

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IMPOSES ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR VOTERS TO APPROVE LEGISLATURE'S TWO-THIRDS VOTE ON STATE TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Imposes new requirement for voters to approve state tax measures following a two-thirds vote by the Legislature. Exempts short-term emergency taxes from voter-approval requirement. Increases legislative vote requirement to two-thirds for certain taxes currently subject to majority vote. Prohibits Legislature from imposing taxes, fees and assessments on real property and real property sales and transfers. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potentially major decrease in state revenues and spending in the future, depending upon actions of the Legislature and voters.** (09-0101.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1453 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 09-0101.

The proponent for this measure, Thomas W. Hiltachk, must collect signatures of 694,354 registered voters – the number equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election – in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by July 19, 2010.

Mr. Hiltachk can be reached at (916) 442-7757.

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