



# DEBRA BOWEN

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### Anti-Trafficking Initiative Enters Circulation

***Human Trafficking. Penalties. Sex Offender Registration. Initiative Statute.***

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

\* The Attorney General on December 23 issued an amended summary for the initiative originally issued December 22. This release reflects the Attorney General's changes and replaces the December 22 news release.

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 measure is as follows:

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING. PENALTIES. SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION.**

**INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Increases criminal penalties for human trafficking, including prison sentences up to 15-years-to-life and fines up to \$1,500,000. Fines collected to be used for victim services and law enforcement. Requires person convicted of trafficking to register as sex offender. Requires sex offenders to provide information regarding Internet access and identities they use in online activities. Prohibits evidence that victim engaged in sexual conduct from being used against victim in court proceedings. Requires human trafficking training for police officers. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potential one-time local government costs of up to a few million dollars on a statewide basis, and lesser additional costs incurred each year, due to the new mandatory training requirements for certain law enforcement officers. Minor increase to state and local governments on the costs of incarcerating and supervising human trafficking offenders. Unknown amount of additional revenue from new criminal fees, likely not to exceed the low millions of dollars annually, which would fund services for human trafficking victims.** (11-0059)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1532 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 11-0059.

The proponent for this measure, Daphne Phung, must collect signatures of 504,760 registered voters – the number equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2010 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 May 21, 2012. The initiative proponent can be reached at (510) 346-6200.

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