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### Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

#### ***Ballot Measures. Sexual Orientation Prejudice. Initiative Statute.***

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

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, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

**BALLOT MEASURES. SEXUAL ORIENTATION PREJUDICE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Provides any person who proposes a ballot measure that advocates the killing of gays and/or lesbians must attend sensitivity training and donate money to a pro-gay or pro-lesbian organization. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Likely negligible fiscal effect on state and local governments.** (15-0014.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1677 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 15-0014.

The proponent for the measure, Charlotte Laws, must collect signatures of 365,880 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2014 gubernatorial election) in order to qualify it for the November 2016 ballot. The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials by November 25, 2015. The proponent can be reached at 21781 Ventura Blvd., Suite 633, Woodland Hills, California 91364. No phone number was provided.

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