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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation *Minimum Drinking Age. Initiative Statute.*

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures yesterday.

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:

MINIMUM DRINKING AGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Lowers the minimum legal drinking age in California from 21 to 18. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Reduction in federal highway funds totaling roughly \$200 million dollars annually. Increased state and local tax revenues associated with the sale of alcoholic beverages totaling possibly several million dollars annually.** (15-0054.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1716 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 15-0054.

The proponent of the measure, Terrance Lynn, must collect the signatures of 365,880 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the November 2014 general 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 April 26, 2016. The proponent can be reached at contact@theterryllynn.com. No phone number was provided.

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