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New Measure Eligible for California's November 2016 Ballot ***Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.***

SACRAMENTO - Secretary of State Alex Padilla today announced that an initiative is eligible for the November 8, 2016, General Election ballot.

In order to become eligible for the ballot, the initiative needed 585,407 valid petition signatures, which is equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2014 General Election.

An initiative can qualify via random sampling of petition signatures if the sampling projects a number of valid signatures greater than 110 percent of the required number. The initiative needed at least 643,948 projected valid signatures to qualify by random sampling, and it exceeded that threshold today.

On June 30, 2016, the Secretary of State will certify the initiative as qualified for the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot, unless the proponent withdraws the initiative prior to that date pursuant to Elections Code section 9604(b).

The Attorney General's official title and summary of the initiative is as follows:

LEGISLATURE. LEGISLATION AND PROCEEDINGS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Prohibits Legislature from passing any bill unless it has been in print and published on the Internet for at least 72 hours before the vote, except in cases of public emergency. Requires the Legislature to make audiovisual recordings of all its proceedings, except closed session proceedings, and post them on the Internet. Authorizes any person to record legislative proceedings by audio or video means, except closed session proceedings. Allows recordings of legislative proceedings to be used for any legitimate purpose, without payment of any fee to the State. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Increased costs to state government of potentially \$1 million to \$2 million initially and about \$1 million annually for making additional legislative proceedings available in audiovisual form on the Internet.** (15-0083.)

The proponents of this initiative are Charles T. Munger, Jr. and Sam Blakeslee. The proponents can be reached c/o Thomas W. Hiltachk at (916) 442-7757.

For more information about how an initiative qualifies for the ballot in California, go to <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/how-qualify-initiative/>

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