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Proposed Referendum Enters Circulation ***Referendum to Overturn Law Establishing Criminal Penalties for Falsely*** ***Reporting Lost or Stolen Firearms.***

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the proponent of a new referendum may begin collecting petition signatures.

The Attorney General prepares the circulating title and summary that is required to appear on referendum petitions. Once completed, the Attorney General forwards the title and summary to the proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the referendum may be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State 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:

REFERENDUM TO OVERTURN LAW ESTABLISHING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FALSELY REPORTING LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS. If signed by the required number of registered voters and timely filed with the Secretary of State, this petition will place on the statewide ballot a challenge to a state law previously approved by the Legislature and the Governor. The challenged law must then be approved by a majority of voters at the next statewide election to go into effect. The law would make it a misdemeanor to falsely report lost or stolen firearms and prohibit firearms possession for 10 years upon conviction. (16-0008.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1792 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 16-0008.

The proponent for the measure, Barry Bahrami, must collect 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 ballot. The proponent has 90 days from the date the bill is chaptered to request and receive a title and summary from the Attorney General, and gather petition signatures for the referendum. AB 1695 (Chapter 47, Statutes of 2015-2016) was chaptered on July 1, 2016. The proponent has until September 29, 2016, to submit petition signatures to county election officials. The referendum proponent can be reached at Barry@VetoGunmageddon.com.

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