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### **Three Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation**

1. *Minimum Wage. Increases and Future Adjustments. Initiative Statute.*
2. *Reapportioning Election Districts. Congressional Exception. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
3. *Voter Identification Requirement. Initiative Statute.*

SACRAMENTO --- The Secretary of State's Office announced today that the proponents of three new initiatives have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General's official title and summary for each follow:

#### **MINIMUM WAGE. INCREASES AND FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Increases California's minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour, effective January 1, 2006, and then to \$7.75 per hour, effective January 1, 2007. Establishes annual automatic adjustment of minimum wage commencing January 1, 2008, calculated by multiplying the minimum wage in effect on December 31 by the percentage of inflation that occurred during the previous year, using the California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers or its successor index. Directs Industrial Welfare Commission to adopt a minimum wage order consistent with this initiative.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of Fiscal impact on state and local governments: Potential net reduction, but probably not significant, in annual state and local government revenues. Annual state and local government costs-primarily in health and child care programs-in the high tens on millions to over \$100 million.

The proponent, Lance H. Olson, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is August 8, 2005. Mr. Olson can be reached at 916-442-2952.

#### **REAPPORTIONING ELECTION DISTRICTS. CONGRESSIONAL EXCEPTION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Amends process for redistricting Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. Requires panel of three retired judges to adopt redistricting plan for Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization districts when measure passes and, thereafter, following each national census. Exempts Congressional districts until after 2010 national census. Panel must consider

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legislative, public proposals/comments and hold public hearings. Redistricting plan becomes effective immediately when adopted by judges' panel and filed with Secretary of State. Specifies times for California Supreme Court review of redistricting plan; if plan ruled invalid, process must be repeated.

Summary of Estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: One-time state redistricting costs, probably totaling a few million dollars. These costs would be accommodated within the Legislature's existing spending limit.

The proponent, David A. Gilliard, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is August 8, 2005. Mr. Gilliard can be reached at 916-444-1502.

#### **VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Requires that voters present one of four types of picture identification before voting: (1) California driver's license; (2) California Department of Motor Vehicles issued identification card; (3) military identification card; or (4) United States Passport. Requires that election precinct officers confirm the identity of each voter and record their identification number. Provides that failure to comply with these requirements will constitute election fraud, punishable as a felony. Allows voters who cannot provide identification to vote, in the form of a provisional ballot.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased county costs to verify voters' identification at each election held. These costs probably would not be significant.

The proponent, Robert D. Ming, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is August 8, 2005. Mr. Ming can be reached at 949-643-2632.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.