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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

- 1. Restrictions on Use of Public Employee Union Dues for Political Contributions. Employee Consent Requirement. Initiative Statute.*
- 2. Political Contributions and Expenditures. Restrictions on Corporations and Unions. Initiative Statute.*

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponent of two new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for his measures. The proponent for these measures, Mark W. Bucher, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters for each measure, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for these measures is July 7, 2006. The initiative proponent can be reached at 714-573-2201.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follow:

RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNION DUES FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS. EMPLOYEE CONSENT REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Prohibits public employee labor organizations from using dues or fees for political contributions unless the employee provides prior written consent each year on a specified form. Prohibition does not apply to dues or fees collected for charitable organizations, health care insurance, or other purposes directly benefiting the public employee. Requires labor organizations to maintain and, upon request, submit to the Fair Political Practices Commission records concerning individual employee's and organizations' political contribution; those records are not subject to public disclosure.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Probably minor state and local government implementation costs, potentially offset in part by revenues from fines and/or fees. (SA2005RF0141.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1193 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0141.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES. RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATIONS AND UNIONS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Prohibits corporations and labor organizations from making contributions or expenditures from general treasury funds for candidate elections or political conventions, but permits them to solicit voluntary employee or stockholder donations and make campaign contributions, expenditures from separate segregated political

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action committee funds. Candidates and political committees prohibited from receiving contributions prohibited by this measure. Establishes notice requirements and limits on campaign solicitations by corporations and labor organizations; prohibits coercive tactics. Expresses intent that California Fair Political Practices Commission and courts consider similar federal laws in interpreting these provisions.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Probably minor annual increase in state elections-related enforcement costs. (SA2005RF0140.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1194 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0140.

For the complete titles, summaries and circulation calendars of each measure, please call the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.