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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Recording of Contacts with Peace Officers. Initiative Statute.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

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

> **RECORDING OF CONTACTS WITH PEACE OFFICERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Requires peace officers to create an audio-visual recording of all contacts with or searches of citizens. Requires that a copy of the recording be provided to affected citizens who are arrested and charged with a crime. Mandates dismissal of pending criminal charges for arrests after January 1, 1996, if the individual charged did not receive a copy of an audio-visual recording of the related contact or search. Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature to amend provisions. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown net costs to state and local governments, but potentially in the hundreds of millions of dollars on a one-time basis, with ongoing costs in the tens of millions of dollars. (06-0041.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1236 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 06-0041.

The proponent for this measure, Rosalyn Jamison, must collect the signatures of 433,971 registered voters, the number equal to 5% of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by July 13, 2007.

The initiative proponent can be reached in care of Finish First, Inc., ATTN: Mr. Jamison, 3824 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 117, Los Angeles, CA 90010. No phone number was provided.

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