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

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General’s official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

**TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION. STATUTE.**

Prohibits public school districts from paying any employee a salary higher than that paid to the highest-paid classroom teacher. Requires teachers and administrators to be paid on the same salary schedule according to their experience, education, and number of days worked. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: No fiscal effect on overall K-12 education spending. Redistribution of resources at the local level in response to a cap on administrator salaries. (Initiative 07-0087.)

The Secretary of State’s tracking number for this measure is 1318 and the Attorney General’s tracking number is 07-0087.

The proponent for this measure, William H. Schindler, must collect 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 it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by June 16, 2008.

The initiative proponent can be reached at 2070 Lyric Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90039. No phone number was provided.

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