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Redevelopment and Property Tax Initiative Enters Circulation

Redevelopment Areas. Limitations on Using Property Tax to Secure Debt. Statute.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponents of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for their 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 proponents and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponents and to county elections officials, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for this measure is as follows:

REDEVELOPMENT AREAS. LIMITATIONS ON USING PROPERTY TAX TO SECURE DEBT. STATUTE. Prohibits use of certain property tax revenues allocated from a redevelopment project area to secure the payment of a bond, loan, advance, or other debt, unless approved by a local ordinance and a two-thirds vote at a county-wide election. Requires certain information to be contained in an ordinance approving use of redevelopment property tax revenue to secure debt. Requires counties to establish procedures for elections seeking approval for the use of redevelopment tax revenue to secure debt. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Over time, potential major shift in property tax revenues from redevelopment agencies to cities, counties, special districts, and schools. Increased property tax revenues to schools would result in a comparable decrease in required state spending for education. (Initiative 08-0010.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1342 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 08-0010.

The proponents for this measure, Don H. Lippman and Christopher A. Sutton, 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 proponents have 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by September 8, 2008.

The initiative proponents can be reached at (626) 683-2500.

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