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## Secretary of State Debra Bowen Certifies Third Measure for November 4, 2008, General Election

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today certified a third initiative for the November 4, 2008, General Election ballot. The measure is a children’s hospital bond and grant program.

The first two measures to qualify for the November ballot were a high-speed rail bond and a measure relating to the treatment of farm animals.

In order to qualify for the ballot, the children’s hospital bond measure needed 433,971 valid petition signatures, which is equal to 5% of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2006 General Election. The measure qualified when 469,967 of the 684,892 signatures submitted were determined to be valid after a full check of signatures.

The measure initially failed to qualify through the random sample signature check. When an initiative fails to qualify by random sampling, all counties must perform a full check of every signature submitted.

The Attorney General’s official title and summary of the initiative is as follows:

### **CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL BOND ACT. GRANT PROGRAM. STATUTE.**

Authorizes \$980,000,000 in bonds, to be repaid from state’s General Fund, to fund the construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and equipping of children’s hospitals. Designates that 80 percent of bond proceeds go to hospital that focus on children with illnesses such as leukemia, cancer, heart defects, diabetes, sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrosis. Requires that qualifying children’s hospitals provide comprehensive services to a high volume of children eligible for governmental programs and meet other requirements. Designates that 20 percent of bond proceeds go to University of California general acute care hospitals. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: State costs of about \$2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$980 million) and the interest (\$1 billion) costs of the bond. Payments of about \$67 million per year. (Initiative 07-0034.)

The proponent of this initiative is Diana S. Dooley. She can be reached at (916) 552-7111.

The last day to qualify a measure for the November General Election ballot is June 26.

For more information about how an initiative qualifies for the ballot in California, go to [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/initiative\\_guide.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/initiative_guide.htm).

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