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## Secretary of State Debra Bowen Assigns Number to New Ballot Measure Certified for the November 4, 2008, General Election, Invites Californians to Submit Ballot Arguments by July 18

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that a twelfth proposition, a veterans' bond placed on the ballot by the Legislature, will appear on the November 4, 2008, General Election ballot. Bowen also invited interested Californians to submit arguments to be included in the Official Voter Information Guide.

The statutory deadline for placing legislative and initiative measures on the ballot was June 26. However, the Legislature and the Governor may choose to waive the law and place measures on the ballot after the statutory deadline has passed, which they did with the veterans' bond.

Elections Code section 13115 sets the order in which the measures must appear on the ballot. Legislative bond measures are first, followed by legislative constitutional amendments, other legislative measures, citizen initiative measures, and referenda. Measures are listed within their category in the order in which they qualified. Measures placed on the ballot after the statutory deadline – and after numbers have been assigned to the propositions that qualified for the ballot on time – may not follow the numbering order set out in the Elections Code.

The twelfth proposition for the November ballot is listed below with the Legislative Counsel's digest of the measure.

**Proposition 12**      **Veterans' Bond Act of 2008.** SB 1572 (Ch. 122, 2008), Wyland.  
This bill would enact the Veterans' Bond Act of 2008, which, if approved, would authorize, for purposes of financing a specified program for farm, home, and mobilehome purchase assistance for veterans, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$900,000,000. The bill would provide for submission of the act to the voters at the November 4, 2008, statewide general election in accordance with specified law. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

People may submit arguments for or against the measure. Arguments selected for the Official Voter Information Guide, also known as the ballot pamphlet, will be on public display between July 22 and August 11. If multiple arguments are submitted for one proposition, state law gives first priority to arguments written by legislators in the case of a legislative measure, and first

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priority to arguments written by the proponents of an initiative in the case of an initiative measure. Subsequent priority for all measures goes to bona fide citizen associations and then to individuals. No more than three signers are allowed to appear with an argument or rebuttal to an argument.

Ballot arguments cannot exceed 500 words and rebuttals to ballot arguments cannot exceed 250 words. All submissions should be typed and double-spaced. They may be hand-delivered to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, California 95814 or faxed to (916) 653-3214. If faxed, the original copies must be received within 72 hours. The deadline to submit ballot arguments is July 18 by 2:00 p.m. and the deadline to submit rebuttals to the ballot arguments is July 21 by 5:00 p.m.

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