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Tax-Related Initiative Enters Circulation

Changes California's Income and Property Tax Laws. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

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:

CHANGES CALIFORNIA'S INCOME AND PROPERTY TAX LAWS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Repeals the two-thirds vote requirements to raise state or local taxes. Repeals Proposition 13's caps on property taxes. Excludes first \$150,000 of personal income from taxation. Imposes maximum 8% marginal tax rate on personal income above \$150,000. Allows taxpayers to take a credit against personal income taxes for property taxes paid in the same year. Imposes taxes on land having rental value. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Replaces virtually all existing state and local tax revenues (about \$170 billion) with a roughly equivalent amount from a new land tax and other taxes. Major revenue gains or losses could result depending on how the measure is implemented by the state. (09-0051.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1413 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 09-0051.

The proponent for this measure, Frank D. Walker, must collect signatures of 694,354 registered voters – the number equal to 8% 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 May 17, 2010.

The initiative proponent can be reached at lvt4ca@gmail.com. No phone number was provided.

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