



# DEBRA BOWEN

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### **State Constitution Initiative Enters Circulation**

***Rewrites the Entire State Constitution. 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:

**REWRITES THE ENTIRE STATE CONSTITUTION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Makes changes throughout the State Constitution including the following: (1) Reduces legislative approval requirement for State budget from two-thirds to a simple majority; (2) Increases the budget cycle from one to two years; (3) Sets State income tax rate at 5% plus an additional 1% for incomes over \$100,000 and an additional 1.5% for incomes over \$1,000,000; (4) Eliminates State Lottery; (5) Increases voter-approval requirement for initiatives; and (6) Increases the number of terms elected officials can serve in the Legislature. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **The measure likely would result in a substantial net change in state or local finances if adopted.** (10-0001.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1457 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 10-0001.

The proponent for this measure, William M. Doyle, must collect signatures of 694,354 registered voters – the number equal to eight percent 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 August 2, 2010.

The initiative proponent can be reached at (650) 464-3600.

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