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### Parental Notification Initiative Enters Circulation

#### ***Requires Parental Notification Before Terminating Pregnancy of Female under 18. 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:

#### **REQUIRES PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATING PREGNANCY OF FEMALE UNDER 18. INITIATIVE**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Changes California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minor until physician notifies parent or legal guardian. Provides exceptions for medical emergency, parental waiver, or parental abuse documented by notarized statement from law enforcement, protective services, or certain adult relatives. Permits court to waive notice if court finds that minor is sufficiently mature or waiver is in her best interest. Requires physicians to report abortion information to Department of Public Health. Allows physicians to be sued for violating these provisions. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined.** (10-0018.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1471 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 10-0018.

The proponent for this measure, John Smith, 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 November 29, 2010.

The initiative proponent can be reached at [john.smith.jsjs@gmail.com](mailto:john.smith.jsjs@gmail.com). No phone number was provided.

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