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Redevelopment Initiative Enters Circulation

Redevelopment Agencies. Reestablishment. Initiative Statute.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced 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, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. REESTABLISHMENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals elimination of redevelopment agencies. Allows local governments to reestablish redevelopment agencies and resume redirection of certain local property taxes to redevelopment projects, away from other local services. Removes prior redevelopment law's requirements for redevelopment plans to have certain dollar and time limits and caps on redevelopment agency debt. Expands prior definition of blight to allow whole cities and counties as redevelopment areas if county's unemployment rate exceeds statewide or national average. Reduces and makes optional the prior law's minimum affordable housing component. Extends prior law's time limit for using eminent domain. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Increased resources for local redevelopment activities, growing to several billion dollars more per year, resulting in decreased resources for state and other local government activities of the same amount.** (13-0065.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1650 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 13-0065.

The proponent for the measure, Philip D. Kohn, must collect signatures of 504,760 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2010 gubernatorial election) in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials by July 21, 2014.

The proponent can be reached at (714) 641-3415.

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