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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Undocumented Immigrants. State and Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law. Initiative Statute.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the proponents of a new initiative were cleared to begin collecting petition signatures today.

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:

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS. STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires state and local agencies to report those believed to be undocumented immigrants in their custody to federal immigration authorities. Bars release of undocumented immigrant if federal immigration authorities request hold. Provides for designating state/local law enforcement officers to perform certain federal immigration officer duties. Prohibits state/local laws or policies that restrict state/local officials from assisting enforcement of federal immigration law. Authorizes civil penalties against agencies or officials that adopt or implement any state/local law or policy against assisting enforcement of federal immigration law. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Increased state and local law enforcement and corrections costs that could potentially reach several millions of dollars annually, a portion of which could be offset by the potential receipt of additional federal funds for law enforcement training.** (15-0099.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1758 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 15-0099.

The proponents of the measure, Ted Hilton and Jerry Mailhot, must collect the signatures of 365,880 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the November 2014 general election) in order to qualify it for the November 2016 ballot. The proponents have 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials by July 5, 2016. The proponents can be reached at P.O. Box 9985, San Diego, CA 92169. No phone number was provided.

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