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### Secretary of State Alex Padilla Assigns Number to June Ballot Measure, Invites Ballot Arguments

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Alex Padilla today assigned a proposition number to the legislative measure set to appear on the June 7 Presidential Primary Election ballot and invited interested Californians to submit arguments to be considered for inclusion in the Official Voter Information Guide. The guide is mailed to every voting household in California and posted on the Secretary of State's website. The full text and nonpartisan analysis of the proposition will also appear in the Official Voter Information Guide.

The proposition is listed below, along with the Legislative Counsel's digest.

Proposition 50

**SCA 17 (Resolution Chapter 127, Statutes of 2014), Steinberg. Members of the Legislature: suspension.** This measure would require that, to suspend a Member of either house of the Legislature, a motion or resolution to that effect shall be adopted by a vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the membership of the house, as specified. The measure would prohibit a suspended Member from exercising any of the rights, privileges, duties, or powers of his or her office, or from utilizing any resources of the Legislature, while the suspension is in effect. If the motion or resolution imposing the suspension does not specify the date upon which the suspension ends, this measure would require a vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the membership of the house to remove the suspension. The measure also would authorize the salary and benefits of the Member to be forfeited for all or part of the period of the suspension by express provision of the motion or resolution.

Arguments may be submitted for or against the measure. Arguments selected for the Official Voter Information Guide will be on public display between February 23 and March 14. If multiple arguments are submitted for the proposition, state law gives first priority to arguments written by legislators in the case of legislative measures; subsequent priority goes to bona fide citizen associations and then to individuals. No more than three signers are allowed to appear on an argument or rebuttal to an argument.

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Ballot arguments cannot exceed 500 words and rebuttals to ballot arguments cannot exceed 250 words. All submissions should be typed and double-spaced. Arguments may be hand-delivered to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, California 95814; faxed to (916) 653-3214; or emailed to [VIGarguments@sos.ca.gov](mailto:VIGarguments@sos.ca.gov). If faxed or emailed, the original documents must be received within 72 hours. The deadline to submit ballot arguments is February 9 by 5:00 p.m. The deadline to submit rebuttals to the ballot arguments is February 18 by 5:00 p.m.

Secretary Padilla also invited candidate statements for inclusion in the Official Voter Information Guide. United States Senate candidates may buy space for a 250-word candidate statement in the voter guide. Candidates for state legislative office or the United States House of Representatives may purchase space for a candidate statement in a county sample ballot. State legislative candidates must accept voluntary campaign expenditure limits in order to purchase space for a candidate statement in a county sample ballot.

The deadline to submit candidate statements to the Secretary of State's office is February 17 by 5:00 p.m. Candidates for the United States House of Representatives, California State Senate, and California State Assembly have until March 11 to submit candidate statements to the county elections official for the local sample ballot in the county or counties in which the district lies.

For more information on ballot measures, candidate filing requirements, and election deadlines, please visit: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/june-7-2016-presidential-primary-election/>

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