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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Disability Access Litigation. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the proponent of a new initiative was 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:

DISABILITY ACCESS LITIGATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires that persons with disabilities who sue property owners or businesses for accessibility violations give 90 days notice before filing suit. Bars suit if the property owner or business cures the violation within 90 days. Requires local permitting authorities to give priority to building permit applications submitted for purpose of making alterations or repairs to comply with accessibility laws. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potential reduction in state court costs related to civil claims, which could be in the range of a few million dollars annually.** (15-0113.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1772 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 15-0113.

The proponent of the measure, Terry Rogers, must collect the signatures of 585,407 registered voters (eight 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 proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials by August 1, 2016. The proponent can be reached at (562) 988-3106.

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