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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Makes Individuals who Committed a Second Strike Offense before Age 23 Eligible for an Earlier Parole Hearing. Initiative Statute.

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:

MAKES INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMITTED A SECOND STRIKE OFFENSE BEFORE AGE 23 ELIGIBLE FOR AN EARLIER PAROLE HEARING. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Individuals who received an enhanced sentence for a second strike they committed before age 23 would receive earlier parole hearings and potential release on parole during their 15th, 20th, or 25th year in prison, depending on their original sentence. Does not apply to those who were convicted of a third strike or certain sex offenses, or who were sentenced to life in prison without parole, or who committed certain additional crimes after age 23. Establishes deadlines for parole hearings. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Net state savings likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, primarily due to individuals serving shorter prison terms.** (17-0009.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1805 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 17-0009.

The proponent of the measure, Amy E. Davis, 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 ballot. The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than March 14, 2018. The proponent can be reached at (714) 388-8990 or aedavis@twc.com.

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