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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation
Authorizes State Regulation of Kidney Dialysis Clinics.
Initiative Statute.

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures yesterday.

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:

AUTHORIZES STATE REGULATION OF KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires kidney dialysis clinics to report dialysis-related infection data to state and federal governments; requires Department of Public Health to conform state reporting, form, and schedule requirements to existing requirements under federal law. Requires written notice to State and patients at least 60 days before a clinic's permanent closure. Prohibits clinics from discriminating against patients based on the source of payment for care. Replicates existing federal law requiring clinics to have a medical director who is a licensed physician. Fiscal Impact: **It is the opinion of the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance that the measure would have no significant fiscal effect on state and local governments.** (19-0030A1.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1887 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 19-0030.

The proponent of the measure, Thomas W. Hiltachk, must collect signatures of 623,212 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the November 2018 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 July 20, 2020*. The proponent can be reached at (916) 442-7757. The address for the proponent is 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95814.

* Date adjusted for official deadline, which falls on a Sunday (Elec. Code § 15)

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