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## **Secretary Shelley Outlines Procedure for Reviewing Recall Petitions**

SACRAMENTO --- In response to numerous inaccurate news reports surrounding the review of the proposed recall petition filed against the Governor, Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today released the following timeline summarizing the statutorily required procedure the proponents must follow:

- February 5, 2003                      Notice of Intention to Recall was filed with the Secretary of State and served on the Governor (California Elections Code § 11020, 11021)
- Governor had seven calendar days to file an answer of not more than 200 words (§11023)
- February 13, 2003                      Governor filed answer with the Secretary of State and recall proponents (February 12 was a holiday, deadline moves to February 13th)
- Recall proponents had ten calendar days to file with the Secretary of State two blank petitions proposed for circulation and a proof of publication of the Notice of Intention to Recall in a newspaper of general circulation (§ 11022, 11042)
- February 24, 2003                      Recall proponents filed with the Secretary of State two blank petitions proposed for circulation and proof of publication in newspaper of general circulation
- Secretary of State has up to ten days to review the blank petitions and proof of publication to determine if they conform to the format required by law (§ 11041, 11042, 11043). The Secretary of State must notify the proponents no later than March 6<sup>th</sup> whether the blank petitions and proof of publication meet that standard.
- If the petition does not meet that standard, the proponents will be notified of any corrections which are necessary and they may resubmit two blank copies of the corrected petition within ten days. This process can be repeated "until the Secretary of State finds no alterations are required," (§11042)