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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Peace Policy. Initiative Statute.

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponents of a new initiative have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

PEACE POLICY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Compels the Governor, on behalf of the People of the State of California, to urge the President of the United States and leaders of Congress, in writing, to: adopt foreign policies which end arms sales and military training to nations that abuse human rights; stop funding for nuclear weapons and reallocate those funds toward cooperative agreements to secure, reduce and dismantle nuclear, chemical and biological weapons; renounce a policy of pre-emptive attacks against any nation; and await declaration of war by the House of Representatives, as required by the United States Constitution, before initiating armed conflict with a sovereign nation.

The proponents, Vincent J. Lavery, Kenneth Hudson, Evangeline Hudson and Margaret Hudson, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters for their measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is August 25, 2003. The proponents can be reached at 559/439-0821.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at (916) 653-6575.

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