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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

Pig Crates. Initiative Statute.
Pig Confinement. Initiative Statute.

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of two new initiatives has received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follows:

PIG CRATES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Prohibits confining a pig for all or the majority of a calendar day in an enclosure, including a gestation crate, in which the pig cannot turn around without touching any side. Does not apply to trailers, motor vehicles, reasonable veterinary procedures, pre-birthing and nursing time periods, and public events. Each violation is a misdemeanor. Effective four years after enactment.

PIG CONFINEMENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Prohibits confining a pig for all or the majority of a calendar day in an enclosure, including a gestation crate, in which the pig cannot turn around without touching any side. Does not apply to trailers, motor vehicles, reasonable veterinary procedures, pre-birthing and nursing time periods, and public events. Each violation is a misdemeanor. Effective two years after enactment.

The proponent, Lowell Finley, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters for his measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is December 8, 2003. The proponent can be reached at (510) 290-8823.

For a copy of the complete texts, titles & summaries, and circulation calendars, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at (916) 653-6575.

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