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# Three Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

*1. Preferential Voting. Terms of Office. Redistricting. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
*2. Elections. Primaries. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.*
*3. State Revenue and Expenditures. Initiative Statute.*

SACRAMENTO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced yesterday that the proponents of three new initiatives have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

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

PREFERENTIAL VOTING. TERMS OF OFFICE. REDISTRICTING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires Legislature to establish procedures enabling voters to select and rank candidates by preference in elections. A voter's second or subsequent preference will be counted when voter's prior preferences have been deemed ineffective under standards set by the Secretary of State. Candidates for constitutional office must receive majority of votes to be elected. Requires redistricting plans establish designed to maximize accurate representation of voters. Permits the Legislature to provide for single or multi-member districts for its members. Deletes reference in Constitution to half of the senators being elected every two years.

The proponent, Casey Peters, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for his measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is March 4, 2004. The proponents can be reached at (213) 385-2786.

ELECTIONS. PRIMARIES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Requires primary elections in which voters may vote for any state or federal candidate regardless of party registration. Exempts presidential nominations and elections of party central committees, in which only registered party members may vote unless party otherwise permits. Only the two primary-election candidates with most votes for an office, whether or not members of same party, would be listed on general election ballot; however, candidate receiving majority vote in special primary election is elected. Requires party consent to allow identification of candidates' party registration on ballot and other official election publications.

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The proponents, Nick Tobey, Susan Riegel and George David Kieffer, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for their measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is March 4, 2004. The proponents can be reached at (415) 242-8830 or (925) 283-0581

STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires each state agency, at the end of each business day, to post on it's website: (1) relevant names, dates and amounts of every check, credit card or cash transaction, or other agency expenditure; and (2) revenue sources, including, but not limited to, taxes and fees, and the date, amount of revenue, and fund into which the revenue is deposited. The Controller in consultation with the Treasurer and Department of Finance shall create guidelines and procedures to standardize the postings in the format of a checkbook register.

The proponents, Steve Mozena, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters for his measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is March 4, 2004. The proponent can be reached at PO Box 11144, Carson, CA 90749.

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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