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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

*Public Benefits. Driver's License. Eligibility. Immigration Status and Identity Verification.
Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

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

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

PUBLIC BENEFITS. DRIVER'S LICENSE. ELIGIBILITY. IMMIGRATION STATUS AND IDENTITY VERIFICATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends Constitution to require providers of public benefits to verify whether applicants are lawfully present in the United States. Prohibits state or local public benefits for any aliens classified as ineligible under federal law. Requires state and local officials to report immigration law violations to federal authorities; failure to report is a misdemeanor. Requires state to verify driver's license applicant's identity and lawful presence in the United States. Prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from accepting identification documents not issued by a state or federal jurisdiction.

The proponent, Ron Price, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for his measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is April 29, 2004. The proponent can be reached at 714-899-9631.

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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