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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Tribal Gaming Compacts. Exclusive Gaming Rights. Contributions to State. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for his measure. If adopted by the voters, the measure would require the Governor to offer renewable 99-year gaming compact to federally recognized Indian tribes. These compacts would provide exclusive gaming rights on Indian land with no limits on the number of machines, facilities or types of games.

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

**TRIBAL GAMING COMPACTS. EXCLUSIVE GAMING RIGHTS.
CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
AND STATUTE.**

- Requires Governor to offer renewable 99-year gaming compacts to federally recognized Indian tribes providing: exclusive gaming rights on Indian land
- No limits on number of machines, facilities, types of games
- Contribution to state fund of portion of net tribal gaming income, based on prevailing state corporate tax rate
- Off-reservation environmental impact reports
- Public notice/comment opportunities before significant expansion or construction of gaming facilities.
- Contributions are in lieu of any other fees, taxes or levies.
- Contributions terminate if state permits non-tribal casino-type gaming.

The summary of the estimate by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of the fiscal impact on state and local governments indicates this measure would have the following major fiscal effect: Increased state gaming revenues – potentially several hundreds of millions of dollars annually. These revenues could increase significantly over time.

The proponent, Richard Milanovich, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is August 9, 2004. The initiative proponent can be reached at 310-576-1233

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.