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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Marriage. Call for National Constitutional Convention. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

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

MARRIAGE. CALL FOR NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Amends California Constitution to require that until Congress proposes an amendment to the United States Constitution that either (a) defines marriage as between a man and a woman; or (b) ensures each State's right to define marriage, the California Legislature shall, before passing any new legislation, call for a United States Constitutional Convention.
- Requires the Legislature to facilitate California's participation in the Constitutional Convention.
- Provides that legislative mandate continues until the described Constitutional amendment is adopted.

The summary of the estimate by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of the fiscal impact on state and local governments indicates that this measure would have potentially minor one-time state costs

The proponent, Brenda Smart must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, which is eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is October 12, 2004. The initiative proponent can be reached at 13642 Derby Downs Court, San Diego, CA 92130. No phone number was provided.

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.