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## **Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation**

*Population Policy. Legislative Directive. Initiative 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.

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

POPULATION POLICY. LEGISLATIVE DIRECTIVE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

- Declares California is experiencing extreme population crisis that is economically and environmentally unsustainable.
- Requires Governor and Legislature to develop comprehensive population policy that enhances quality of life and preserves the environment.
- Mandates this population policy expand across to family planning, encourage small families and responsible sexual behavior, and stop illegal immigration.
- Prohibits driver's licenses, reduced college tuition, or other benefits to illegal immigrants.
- Instructs California's congressional delegation to sponsor federal legislation limiting the yearly number of legal immigrants to the United States to 300,000.

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 the following major fiscal effects: (1) Program savings to the state due to reduced expenditures for certain public services. These services could be in the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually. (2) Potentially major one-time costs, with annual costs in the tens of millions of dollars, to verify citizenship or immigration status of persons receiving benefits.

The proponent, Franklin L. Banker must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, which is five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is October 15, 2004. The initiative proponent can be reached at 916-962-6019.

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.