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## **Secretary of State's Office Releases Proposition Numbers to 14 Ballot Measures Certified for the November General Election**

*Invites Public to Submit Ballot Arguments, For or Against Measures, by Tuesday, July 6, 2004*

SACRAMENTO—The Secretary of State's office today announced proposition numbers for the 14 measures that will appear on the November 2, 2004 general election ballot. Two of the measures were placed on the ballot by the legislature, and 12 measures qualified to be placed on the ballot through the petition process.

The order of the type of state measure to be placed on the ballot is specified by Elections Code (EC) 13115. The EC requires the following order: bond measures; constitutional amendments; other legislative measures; initiative measures; and referenda.

The agency also issued an invitation to interested California citizens to submit arguments for or against any of the ballot measures. It should be noted that the titles of the measures may change after the Attorney General prepares the official ballot titles, labels and summaries, which will be available for public examination during the ballot pamphlet public display period, Tuesday, July 20 through Monday, August 9, 2004.

Listed below are the measures (with assigned proposition numbers) that will appear on the November ballot in the order of legislative adoption and initiative qualification:

- 59     **SCA 1 (Resolution Chapter 1, 2004). Burton. Access to government information.**
- 60     **SCA 18 (Resolution Chapter 103, 2004). Johnson. Primary elections: surplus state property.**
- 61     **Children's Hospital Projects. Grant Program. Bond Act. Initiative Statute.**
- 62     **Elections. Primaries. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.**
- 63     **Mental Health Services Expansion and Funding. Tax on Incomes over \$1 Million. Initiative Statute.**

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- 64 **Limitations on Enforcement of Unfair Business Competition Laws. Initiative Statute.**
- 65 **Local Government Funds and Revenues. State Mandates. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.**
- 66 **Limitations on “Three Strikes” Law. Sex Crimes. Punishment. Initiative Statute.**
- 67 **Emergency and Medical Services. Funding. Telephone Surcharge. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.**
- 68 **Tribal Gaming Compact Renegotiation. Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion. Revenues, Tax Exemptions. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.**
- 69 **DNA Samples. Collection. Database. Funding. Initiative Statute.**
- 70 **Tribal Gaming Compacts. Exclusive Gaming Rights. Contributions to State. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.**
- 71 **Stem Cell Research. Funding. Bonds. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.**
- 72 **Referendum Petition to Overturn Amendments to Health Care Coverage Requirements.**

Any voter may submit an argument for either side of a measure. Each argument submission must not exceed 500 words and should be typed double-spaced. The deadline to submit ballot arguments is Tuesday, July 6, by 5:00 p.m. The arguments may be hand delivered or faxed to the Secretary of State’s Elections Division at (916) 653-3214; however, original copies must be received within 72 hours of the deadline. Rebuttals to the arguments are due by Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. A maximum of 250 words may be used.

Additional information on argument requirements and specifications should be directed to the Ballot Pamphlet Coordinator at (916) 657-2166.