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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Restrictions on Sex-Related Instruction in Public Schools. 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:

RESTRICTIONS ON SEX-RELATED INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

- Prohibits public elementary school instruction on specified sex-related subjects.
- Requires daily advance written parental notification and approval for every day of such instruction in grades 7 through 12.
- Exceptions for students 18 years of age, or federally-approved disease-prevention instruction and student requests for confidential counseling with school psychologist or peace officer.
- Specifies content and format of notice, including parents' rights, description of information to be taught and materials or sources to be used.
- Provides school district liability of $5,000 per violation plus attorney's fees and court costs.

The summary of the estimate by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of the fiscal impact on state and local governments indicates that additional costs to school districts from parent notification regarding sex education topics, is potentially in the low millions of dollars annually.

The proponent, Tony Andrade, 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 January 3, 2005. The initiative proponent can be reached at 916-230-2123.

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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