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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. *Same Percentage Vote Requirement for Ballot Measures. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
2. *Ballot Measure. Same Percent Vote Requirement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SACRAMENTO, CA --- The proponent of two initiatives aimed at altering the percentage of votes required to adopt ballot measures may begin collecting petition signatures, according to the Secretary of State's Office. Sacramento attorney Lance Olson needs to collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters by August 4, 2005 in order to qualify his proposed constitutional amendments for a statewide election ballot at least 131 days thereafter.

The Attorney General's official title and summary of each follows:

SAME PERCENT VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR BALLOT MEASURES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Amends California Constitution to require that any new initiative statute or constitutional amendment providing for voter approval by a greater than majority vote must itself be approved by the same percent of the vote.
- Applies to measures on the current ballot and on future ballots.
- Includes a provision preventing legal conflicts in the event that other measures on the same ballot also include vote requirements.

BALLOT MEASURES. SAME PERCENT VOTE REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Amends California Constitution to require that any initiative statute or constitutional amendment providing for voter or representative approval by a greater than majority percent of the vote must itself be approved by the same percent of the voter.
- Does not apply to vote requirements imposed by voters on the Legislature to amend a ballot measure.
- Applies to measures on current and future ballots, to creation of new vote requirements, and increase of existing vote requirements.
- Includes provision preventing legal conflicts in event that other measures on same ballot include vote requirements.

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The Legislative Analyst and Department of Finance estimate that for both measures, there could be an unknown fiscal impact on state and local governments. The amount of the impact would depend on future ballot measures submitted to the electorate and the voting results of those measures.

Proponent Lance H. Olson can be reached at 916-442-2952.

A copy of the complete title and summary, text, and circulation calendar can be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State's press office at 916-653-6575.