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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. *Compacts Allowing Tribal Casinos. Urban Areas. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
2. *Urban Areas. Tribal Casino Compacts. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SACRAMENTO --- The Secretary of State's Office announced today that the proponents of two new initiatives have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follows:

COMPACTS ALLOWING TRIBAL CASINOS. URBAN AREAS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends the California Constitution to prohibit tribal casinos in urban areas, as defined. Excludes from urban casino ban tribal lands eligible for gaming and held by tribe with state-tribal gaming compact in effect as of January 1, 2005. Retains Governor's authority to negotiate tribal compacts for other casinos. Repeals legislation enacted after January 1, 2005, ratifying any compact allowing casinos in urban areas.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown net fiscal effect on state and local governments by prohibiting the future development of urban casinos.

URBAN AREAS. TRIBAL CASINO COMPACTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends the California Constitution to prohibit tribal casinos in urban areas, as defined, without a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. Excludes from urban casino ban tribal lands eligible for gaming and held by tribe with state-tribal gaming compact in effect as of January 1, 2005. Retains Governor's authority to negotiate tribal compact allowing tribal casinos in urban areas. Makes State's waiver of sovereign immunity inapplicable to compacts, negotiations, and disputes concerning urban tribal casinos.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown net fiscal effect on state and local governments from restricting the future development of urban casinos.

The proponents, Thomas Davidoff and Norman La Force, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for each measure, equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify their measures. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for these measures is August 15, 2005. The initiative proponents can be reached c/o David M. Fried at 415-764-1765.

For complete texts, titles and summaries, and circulation calendars, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575. -30-