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### **Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation**

*Prohibition on Government Employee Payroll Deductions for Political Purposes.  
Initiative Statute*

SACRAMENTO, CA --- The Secretary of State's Office announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

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

#### **PROHIBITION ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Prohibits state and local government employers from allowing deduction from a government employee's pay, whether the deduction is voluntary or not, if money from the deduction will be used by a public employee labor organization or its sponsored committee for political purposes. Excludes from the prohibition an employee's voluntary authorized deductions for charitable organizations and employee health benefits. Excludes existing collective bargaining agreements, but prohibits future collective bargaining agreements or extensions of agreements that conflict with this measure. Adopts certain definitions in the Political Reform Act.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Probably minor state and local government processing costs, potentially offset by fee revenues.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1128 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0066.

The proponent, Ashlee N. Brown, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is August 22, 2005. The initiative proponent can be reached at the law firm of Bell, McAndrews and Hiltachk at 916-442-7757.

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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