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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Certifies Two More Initiatives for Statewide Ballot

School Funding and Reapportionment Measures Qualify.

Sacramento -- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that he certified two more initiatives – one dealing with school funding and the other dealing with reapportionment – for the next statewide election ballot.

School Funding. State Spending. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. This measure is sponsored by William Hauck and Allan Zaremborg of Sacramento. Their phone number is 916-444-6670. The measure, according to the Attorney General's title and summary, would change state minimum school funding requirements (Proposition 98), permitting suspension of minimum funding, but terminating repayment requirement, and eliminating authority to reduce funding when state revenues decrease. Excludes above-minimum appropriations from schools' funding base. Limits state spending to prior year total plus revenue growth. Shifts excess revenues from schools/tax relief to budget reserve, specified construction, debt repayment. Requires Governor to reduce state appropriations, under specified circumstances, including employee compensation, state contracts. Continues prior year appropriations if new state budget delayed. Prohibits state special funds borrowing. Requires payment of local government mandates. The measure needed a projected 657,916 registered voter signatures to qualify based on the random sample verifications; it received a projected 661,729.

Reapportionment. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. This measure is sponsored by Edward J. "Ted" Costa, Dr. Arthur Laffer, Major General Sidney S. Novaresi (USAF) Ret., and Jimmie Johnson - all of Sacramento. Their phone number is 916-482-6175. The measure, according to the Attorney General's official title and summary, amends state Constitution's process for redistricting California's Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. Requires three-member panel of retired judges, selected by legislative leaders, to adopt new redistricting plan if measure passes and again after each national census. Panel must consider legislative, public proposals/comments and hold public hearings. Redistricting plan becomes effective immediately when adopted by judges' panel and filed with Secretary of State. If voters subsequently reject redistricting plan, process repeats. Specifies time for judicial review of adopted redistricting plan; if plan fails to conform to requirements, court may order new plan. The measure needed a projected 657,916 registered voter signatures to qualify based on the random sample verifications; it received a projected 677,997.

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According to the California Constitution, qualified initiatives go before voters in a statewide election held at least 131 days from the date they qualify. The qualification of these two additional measures brings the total to five measures that have qualified for the next statewide ballot. The other three are: 1) Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification. Initiative Constitutional Amendment., 2) Public Employee Union Dues. Required Employee Consent for Political Contributions. Initiative Statute., and 3) Public School Teachers. Waiting Period for Permanent Status. Dismissal. Initiative Statute.