



# NEWS RELEASE

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE **BRUCE McPHERSON**

05:068

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Friday, July 8, 2005

Contact: Nghia Nguyen Demovic  
916-653-6575

## **Secretary of State McPherson Fulfills Constitutional Duty**

*Intends to Place All Eight Qualified Initiatives on the Ballot*

Sacramento -- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today issued the following statement regarding the lawsuit filed by the Attorney General:

"I have the constitutional duty to present to the voters the initiatives that have qualified by the signatures of the people. 950,000 Californians have signed petitions asking for Proposition 77, the redistricting initiative, to be on the ballot.

"It is my obligation as the Chief Elections Officer to ensure that qualified measures are submitted to the people so that every eligible voter has the chance to cast their ballot on the qualified initiatives."

- 30 -