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Three Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

- 1. California Border Police. Immigration. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
- 2. Fees/Charges. Taxes. Vote Requirement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
- 3. Vote Requirement. Taxes. Redefinition of Fees/Charges. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of three new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

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

CALIFORNIA BORDER POLICE. IMMIGRATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends California Constitution to declare that illegal immigration poses imminent danger. Establishes California Border Police to arrest and hold suspects and notify federal authorities. Authorizes arrest without warrant based on probable cause of violation of federal immigration law. Authorizes state to agree with federal government for Border Police, authorizes Governor to make supplemental appropriations in emergency. Requires state to seek reimbursement from federal government. Authorizes new detention facilities. Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature and Governor's signature to amend.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Potential annual costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars to create and operate a border police agency, with one-time costs in the tens of millions of dollars. Potential net savings to state and local governments over time in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually due to reduced expenditures for certain public services. Potential net reductions in state and local revenues over time in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually due to impacts on the state's economy.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1142 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0079.

The proponent, Assemblyman Ray Haynes, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight 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 December 12, 2005. The initiative proponent can be reached in care of Dave Gilliard at 916-444-1502.

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FEES/CHARGES. TAXES. VOTE REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Redefines certain local fees or charges as taxes, which require approval by the electorate. Redefines certain state fees or charges as state taxes, requiring enactment by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature rather than current, majority vote. Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature for any statutory change that results in any taxpayer paying a higher tax. Provides that any state or local tax, fee, or charge adopted after January 1, 2006, which was not adopted in compliance with this measure, is void 12 months after the effective date of this measure.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Potentially significant decrease in state and local revenues from certain fees or charges, depending upon future actions of the Legislature, local governing bodies, and local electorates.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1143 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0080.

The proponent, Albert P. Lundeen, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight 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 December 12, 2005. The initiative proponent can be reached at 916-774-9750.

VOTE REQUIREMENT. TAXES. REDEFINTION OF FEES/CHARGES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Redefines certain local fees or charges as taxes, which require approval by the electorate. Redefines certain state fees or charges as state taxes, requiring enactment by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature rather than current, majority vote. Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature for any statutory change that results in any taxpayer paying a higher tax. Provides that any state or local tax, fee, or charge adopted after January 1, 2006, which was not adopted in compliance with this measure, is void 12 months after the effective date of this measure.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Potentially significant decrease in state and local revenues from certain fees or charges, depending upon future actions of the Legislature, local governing bodies, and local electorates.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1144 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0081.

The proponents, Allen S. Zaremberg and Jack M. Stewart, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight 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 December 12, 2005. The initiative proponents can be reached in care of Kathy Donovan of Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman, LLP, at 916-329-4700.