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## **Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation**

*Marriage. Elimination of Domestic Partnership Rights.  
Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

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

### **MARRIAGE. ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP RIGHTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Amends the California Constitution to provide that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California, whether contracted in this state or elsewhere. Voids and restricts registered domestic partner rights and obligations, for certain same-sex and heterosexual couples, in areas such as: ownership and transfer of property, inheritance, adoption, medical decisions, child custody and child support, health and death benefits, insurance benefits, hospital visitation, employment benefits, and recovery for wrongful death and other tort remedies.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but probably not significant, fiscal impact on state and local governments. The impact would depend in large part on future court interpretations.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1145 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0077.

The proponents, Larry Bowler, Ed Hernandez and Randy Thomasson, 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 22, 2005. The initiative proponents can be reached at 916-265-5643.