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## **Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation**

*Casino-Style Gaming District. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

Sacramento, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures.

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

### **CASINO-STYLE GAMING DISTRICT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Requires State to purchase, through eminent domain, 25 to 50 square miles of undeveloped land in San Bernardino County for casino-style gaming District, not to be part of county; instead, District controlled by District citizens. Requires District land to be sold to highest bidders. Prohibits state/local taxes or recurring fees on gaming operations within District. Provides that investment fees, casino profits pay for public programs. Establishes tracking system to prevent individual Californians from spending more than 10% of annual income on gaming. Voids provisions in existing tribal-State compacts requiring payments to State.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Potential major costs and revenues from the operation of a special gaming district – unknown net impact.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1153 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0091.

The proponent, David K. Johnson, 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 February 6, 2006. The initiative proponent can be reached at P.O. Box 3126, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. No phone number was provided.

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