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## **Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation**

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

Sacramento, CA --- Pursuant to court order, the Attorney General's Office has provided a revised summary for the initiative entitled *Marriage. Elimination of Domestic Partnership Rights. Initiative Constitutional Amendment*. Pursuant to this court order, the Secretary of State's Office has issued a new circulation calendar. Both the new summary and circulation calendar supersede the previous information. Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of the revised initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

The Attorney General's official title and revised 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 or makes unenforceable certain rights and obligations conferred by California law on same-sex and heterosexual couples registered as domestic partners, concerning subject areas including, but not limited to, community property, intestate succession, stepparent adoption, child custody, child support, hospital visitation, health care decisions for an incapacitated partner, insurance benefits, death benefits, and recovery for wrongful death.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but probably not significant, fiscal effect 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 February 10, 2006. The initiative proponents can be reached at 916-265-5643.