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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

*Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property.
Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen 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 of the measure is as follows:

GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION, REGULATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends California Constitution to bar state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property for private uses. Prohibits rent control and similar measures. Requires government to compensate private property owners for certain land use, housing, consumer, environmental and workplace regulations. Compensation generally not required for regulation undertaken to preserve public health and safety. Defines "just compensation." Prohibits deference to government in property rights cases. Condemned private property must be offered for resale to prior owner at current fair market value if, within five years, government abandons proposed condemnation's objective. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, potentially major annual governmental costs related to damages or takings of private property. (06-0039.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1234 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 06-0039.

The proponent for this measure, Jon Coupal, must collect the signatures of 694,354 registered voters, the number equal to 8% of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by June 21, 2007.

The initiative proponent can be reached at (916) 444-9950.

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