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Term Limits Initiative Enters Circulation

Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponents of an initiative that proposes to alter the amount of time people can serve in the state legislature may begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

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

LIMITS ON LEGISLATORS' TERMS IN OFFICE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Reduces the total amount of time a person may serve in the state legislature from 14 years to 12 years. Allows a person to serve a total of 12 years either in the Assembly, the Senate, or a combination of both. Provides a transition period to allow current members to serve a total of 12 consecutive years in the house in which they are currently serving, regardless of any prior service in another house. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: This measure would have no direct fiscal effect on state or local governments. (07-0004.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1238 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0004.

The proponents for this measure, Robin B. Johansen and Kari Krogseng, 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 proponents have 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by September 10, 2007.

The initiative proponents can be reached at (510) 346-6200.

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