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Fourth of Four Proposed Gaming Compact Referenda Enters Circulation

Referendum Petition to Overturn Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen announced today that the proponent of a proposed referendum measure may begin collecting signatures.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on referendum petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials, and the referendum may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for this measure is as follows:

REFERENDUM PETITION TO OVERTURN AMENDMENT TO INDIAN GAMING COMPACT. If this petition is signed by the required number of registered voters and timely filed with the Secretary of State, it will stop the law (Chapter 41, Statutes of 2007) from going into effect, unless a majority of voters at the next statewide election vote in its favor. The challenged law ratifies an amendment to an existing gaming compact between the state and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; exempts certain projects from the California Environmental Quality Act; requires that revenue paid by tribe be deposited in the General Fund. (07-0038.)

To qualify a referendum for the ballot, the proponent must submit petition signatures of 433,971 registered voters to county elections officials within 90 days from the date the bill is enacted. Senate Bill 957 (Torlakson), Chapter 41, Statutes of 2007, was enacted on July 10, 2007. The proponent has until October 8, 2007 to submit petition signatures.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1261 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0038.

The proponent of the referendum is Jack Gribbon. The proponent can be reached at 243 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. No phone number was provided.

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