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Two Additional Proposed Animal Treatment Initiatives Enter Circulation

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SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponent of two new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for his measures.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative 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 initiatives may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the first measure is as follows:

TREATMENT OF FARM ANIMALS. STATUTE. Requires that an enclosure or tether confining specified farm animals allow the animals for the majority of every day to fully extend their limbs or wings, lie down, stand up, and turn around. Specified animals include calves raised for veal, egg-laying hens, and pregnant pigs. Exceptions made for transportation, rodeos, fairs, 4-H programs, lawful slaughter, research and veterinary purposes. Provides misdemeanor penalties, including a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in jail for up to 180 days. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Probably minor local and state enforcement and prosecution costs, partly offset by increased fine revenue. (Initiative 07-0041.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1274 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0041.

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

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The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1275 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0042.

The proponent for the measures, Joe Ramsey, must collect the signatures of 433,971 registered voters – the number equal to 5% of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election – for each measure in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for these measures, meaning the signatures must be collected by February 28, 2008.

The initiative proponent can be reached at (916) 967-8102.

The first animal treatment initiative, put forth by Peter Brandt, was cleared for circulation August 30 and signatures for that must be collected by January 28, 2008.

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