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## **Health Care Initiative Enters Circulation**

*Inalienable Right to Affordable Health Care. Constitutional Amendment.*

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

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 initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for this measure is as follows:

**INALIENABLE RIGHT TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Amends the California Constitution to provide that affordable health care is an inalienable right for all people. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: No direct fiscal effect to the state; however, the measure could result in indeterminable state or local government costs depending on how it is interpreted and applied by the courts. (Initiative 07-0047.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1280 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0047.

The proponent for this measure, Stephen J. Kaufman, 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 March 7, 2008.

The initiative proponent can be reached at (213) 452-6565.

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