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Identification Device Initiative Enters Circulation

Prohibition on Placing Information or Identification Device Under the Skin of Humans or Animals. 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 the measure is as follows:

PROHIBITION ON PLACING INFORMATION OR IDENTIFICATION DEVICE UNDER THE SKIN OF HUMANS OR ANIMALS. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Forbids the State or any political subdivision from enacting a law that would mandate the implantation of any type of information, device containing information, or ink, under the skin of a human or animal, for any purpose. Provides that refusing to accept such a device may not be grounds for denial of employment, education, insurance, health care or licensing. Establishes that no public or private entity may enforce any law that is inconsistent with this measure. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potentially higher local government costs than would otherwise be incurred for animal shelter operations that would probably not be significant on a statewide basis. (Initiative 07-0056.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1288 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0056.

The proponent for this measure, Fred Hall, must collect signatures of 694,354 registered voters – the number equal to 8% of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election – for this measure in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by April 21, 2008.

The initiative proponent can be reached at (530) 626-1884.

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