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Animal License Initiative Enters Circulation

Animal License Fees. Statute.

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:

ANIMAL LICENSE FEES. STATUTE. Mandates that all cities, counties and governmental entities within the state of California are prohibited from charging any animal licensing or permit fees in excess of \$50.00. Entitles senior citizens and Medicare and Medi-Cal recipients to a 50 percent fee reduction. Prohibits localities from enforcing local law conflicting with initiative statute. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Unknown net revenue loss or gain to local governments depending on the number of animals licensed under the measure. (Initiative 07-0057.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1289 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0057.

The proponent for this measure, Matt Czajkowski, must collect signatures of 433,971 registered voters – the number equal to 5% 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 (415) 282-9292.

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