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Third Farm Animal-Related Initiative Enters Circulation

Treatment of Farm Animals. 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:

TREATMENT OF FARM ANIMALS. STATUTE. Requires that an enclosure or tether confining pregnant pigs or veal calves allow the animals for the majority of every day to fully extend their limbs, lie down, stand up, and turn around. Requires the California Department of Food and agriculture to publish regulations establishing standards of care for egg-laying hens in accordance with industry recommendations. Exceptions made for transportation, rodeos, fairs, 4-H programs, lawful slaughter, personal consumption, research or by recommendation of a veterinary. Provides misdemeanor penalties, including a fine not to exceed \$500 and 40 hours of animal welfare instruction. 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 revenues. (Initiative 07-0058.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1290 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0058.

The proponent for this measure, Albert S. Scaletti, 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 each measure in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for these measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by April 21, 2008.

The initiative proponent can be reached at 160 Tenth Street, San Francisco, California 94103-2618. No phone number was provided.

The first two farm animal-related initiatives entered circulation on October 1 and signatures for those measures are due February 28, 2008.

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