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Property Ownership Initiative Enters Circulation

Property Ownership. 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:

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends California Constitution to declare that governmental entities within California, including cities and counties, may not make any law or ordinance that prevents any citizen from owning or legally acquiring property, or that limits the amount of property one may acquire, grow, produce, or own. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: The fiscal effect of this measure cannot be determined, as it would depend largely on how the measure's terms are interpreted by the courts and implemented by government. (Initiative 07-0060.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1292 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 07-0060.

The proponent for this measure, Richard Byrd, 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 the 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 154 Tenth Street, San Francisco, California 94103. No phone number was provided.

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