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### Legislative Recusal Initiative Enters Circulation

*Prohibits Legislators from Voting on Legislation  
That Financially Affects Contributors. Initiative 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:

**PROHIBITS LEGISLATORS FROM VOTING ON LEGISLATION THAT FINANCIALLY AFFECTS CONTRIBUTORS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Prohibits any legislator from voting on, or introducing as a lead author, "nongeneral" legislation that financially impacts those who have given the legislator a contribution or gift within the past 12 months. Applies to legislation that is reasonably foreseeable to have a direct and significant impact on one or more identifiable person or piece of property, but not on a significant segment of the general public. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Minor increased state government costs associated with monitoring and enforcement of gifts, contributions, and actions by state legislators. (09-0069.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1419 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 09-0069.

The proponent for this measure, Michael Levin, 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 – 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 May 21, 2010.

The initiative proponent can be reached at 4199 Campus Drive, Suite 550, Irvine, California 92612. No phone number was provided.

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