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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. *Ballot Measure Finance Disclosure. Shareholder Consent. Initiative Statute.*
2. *Political Contributions and Expenditures by Corporations. Shareholder Consent Requirements. Limits and Penalties. Initiative Statute.*

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of two new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for each of their measures.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follow:

BALLOT MEASURE FINANCE DISCLOSURE. SHAREHOLDER CONSENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Requires Legislative Analyst to prepare statements describing the principal financial support for and against each ballot measure, using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Actual donor names shall generally not be used. Requires disclosure statements to appear on ballots, sample ballots, ballot pamphlets, designated web sites, and in advertisements for and against ballot measures. Permits legal challenge to the statements within two to five days of issuance by Legislative Analyst. Prohibits corporations from making contributions to qualify, support or oppose a ballot measure without prior approval from majority of shareholders.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased state elections-related costs of probably a few hundred thousand dollars annually. (SA2006RF0006.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1209 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2006RF0006.

The proponent for this measure, Richard D. Jacobs, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is July 31, 2006. The initiative proponent can be reached at 310-860-1307.

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POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY CORPORATIONS. SHAREHOLDER CONSENT REQUIREMENTS. LIMITS AND PENALTIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Prohibits corporations, as defined, from making political contributions or expenditures for political activities except with shareholders' prior informed consent by means of majority vote and reports to shareholders. Limits corporate political contributions and expenditures in any fiscal year to the same proportion as percentage of shareholder votes that approved the expenditures. Imposes criminal penalties for violations by corporate officials and contribution recipients. Defines political activities as support or opposition of candidates, political parties, committees, issue advocacy or voter registration campaigns, ballot measures, or legislative causes.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: State enforcement costs potentially totaling a few hundred thousand dollars annually, partially offset by increased fine revenues. (SA2006RF0012.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1210 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2006RF0012.

The proponent for this measure, Lance H. Olson, of Olson, Hagel and Fishburn, LLP, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is July 31, 2006. The initiative proponent can be reached at 916-442-2952.

For the complete titles, summaries and circulation calendars of each measure, please call the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.