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## **Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation**

1. *Personal Income Taxes. Collection. Procedures. Initiative Statute.*
2. *Legislative Housing Allowance. Voter Approval of State Officer Compensation. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

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

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

**PERSONAL INCOME TAXES. COLLECTION. PROCEDURES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Permits personal income tax deduction for court-ordered child support. Requires that, when marriage or partnership dissolves, tax disputes be resolved with all parties present. Prohibits tax lien/levy, except pursuant to court order, after hearing. Bars interest/penalties, if Board contributed to delay/error. Limits authority of Board to attach/seize property. Requires Board to accept installment payments; send notices by registered or certified mail; remove liens within 90 days after dispute resolution; simplify tax rules to 12<sup>th</sup>- grade level. Allows taxpayers to petition court for public inquiry into Board action. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Reduction in state revenue from the deductibility of child support payments and changed tax administration provisions in the range of the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Annual tax administration costs likely in excess of \$10 million annually. (06-0031.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1227 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 06-0031.

The proponent for this measure, Thomas Lomax, 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 February 20, 2007. The initiative proponent can be reached at 415-333-4399.

**LEGISLATIVE HOUSING ALLOWANCE. VOTER APPROVAL OF STATE OFFICER COMPENSATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Substitutes housing allowance for per diem payment to reimburse legislators for cost of maintaining a residence in Sacramento. Directs Citizens Compensation Commission to establish maximum housing allowance, not to exceed median monthly rental cost of a Sacramento single-family home. Directs Citizens Compensation Commission to adjust salary and benefits every even-numbered year for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Insurance Commissioner, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Treasurer, members of the Board of Equalization and Legislature, subject to voter approval at next statewide election. Summary of

estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Reduced state expenses for compensation for state elected officials-potentially in the millions of dollars annually-with the amount dependent on future decisions of the California Citizens Compensations Commission and voters. (06-0033.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1228 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 06-0033.

The proponent for this measure, Richard Rider, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight 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 February 20, 2007. The initiative proponent can be reached at 858-530-3027.