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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

*Temporary Facilities for Inmates from Overcrowded County Jails.
Limitation on Temporary Disability Benefits for County Inmates. Initiative Statute.*

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR INMATES FROM OVERCROWDED COUNTY JAILS. LIMITATION ON TEMPORARY DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR COUNTY INMATES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Provides for placement of county inmates in temporary jails or treatment facilities operated by the county sheriff and staffed by county employees for a limited period to alleviate jail overcrowding. Immunizes county from liability for damages arising from such temporary placements. Limits temporary disability benefits awarded to county inmates covered by workers' compensation laws to the lesser of the statutory minimum or the actual weekly wages lost. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: An unknown potential increase in county expenditures for the construction, renovation, and operation of temporary jails and treatment facilities. A minor reduction in county costs for certain workers' compensation benefits for jail inmates and participants in work release programs. Unknown potential county savings if changes in workers' compensation rules resulted in the expansion of work release programs and reduced county jail populations. (06-0037.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1232 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 06-0037.

The proponents for this measure, Mike Reynolds and Margaret Mims, must collect 433,971 signatures of registered voters, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is May 25, 2007. The initiative proponents can be reached at 559-222-8216.

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