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1920 INITIATIVE

UNIVISECTION

LOS ANGELES CO

34,228 ELECTORS.

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FRANK C. JORDAN,
Secretary of State

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Deputy

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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE ELECTORS

INITIATIVE PETITION

Whereas, Many living human beings and living animals have been experimented upon in the name of Science;
and

Whereas, Great suffering, sorrow and misery follows therefrom; and

Whereas, It is not in the interest of humanity that any laws should be on our statute books by which human beings or animals should be made to suffer physical or mental pain, and particularly in view of the fact that humanity is or will not be bettered thereby;

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors of the State of California, believing that experimental physiological or experimental pathological investigations are valueless and cause great physical and mental misery, do hereby petition and propose the adoption of the following measure.

The Attorney-General has summarized the proposed measure as follows:

Vivisection. Initiative Act. Declares it unlawful to dissect, vivisect or torture any living person or living animal, or aid or abet therein, for purpose of experimental physiological or experimental pathological investigation in or at any university, school, society, college, hospital, institution or other place within California; declares nothing in act shall prohibit the dissection or vivisection, or aiding or abetting therein, of any living person when done with latter's consent, or prohibit surgical operations upon or rendering medical aid in case of physical injury, deformity or sickness of any person or animal; provides penalties and repeals conflicting acts.

AN ACT DECLARING IT TO BE UNLAWFUL TO DISSECT, VIVISECT, TORTURE, OR EXPERIMENT UPON ANY LIVING HUMAN BEING OR LIVING ANIMAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGICAL OR EXPERIMENTAL PATHOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; DEFINING CERTAIN WORDS; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS; AND REPEALING ACTS OR PARTS OF ACTS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The words dissect, vivisect and torture as used herein are hereby defined to mean the dissection of or experimentation upon any living human being or any living animal for the purpose of experimental physiological or experimental pathological investigation.

Section 2. The words university, school, society, college, hospital and institution as used herein, are hereby defined to mean any university, school, society, college, hospital or institution, whether the same be public or private, sectarian or non-sectarian, charitable or otherwise, and whether supported in whole or in part by public, private or other funds, or whether organized, created or existing under and by virtue of the constitution of the State of California or otherwise.

“Section 3. It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person or persons to dissect, vivisect or torture, or to aid or abet any person or persons to dissect, vivisect or torture, any living human being or any living animal for the purpose of experimental physiological or experimental pathological investigation in or at any university, school, society, college, hospital, institution or other place within the State of California. Provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting any person or persons from dissecting or vivisecting or aiding or abetting in the dissection or vivisection of any living human being when such dissection or vivisection is done with the consent of such human being. Provided further, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting the performance of surgical operations upon or rendering of medical aid in case of physical injury, deformity or sickness to any human being or animal.”

Section 4. Any violation of the provisions of this act by any person or persons, irrespective of his or their relation to or connection with any of the places mentioned in this act, is hereby declared to be a misde-

Petition, Making Practice of Vivisection Unlawful. Contains Exceptions.

meanor punishable, on conviction, for a first offense, by a fine of not more than Three Hundred (300) Dollars, or by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than Ninety (90) days. And for every subsequent offense any violation hereof shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty (50) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred (500) Dollars or by imprisonment in a county jail for not less than Ten (10) days nor more than Four (4) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This petition is presented under and in accordance with Section One (1) Article Four (4) of the Constitution of the State of California, so far as said section and article relate to direct legislation by the Initiative.

This petition is prepared and is presented in sections, and this section is for the County

of Los Angeles....., State of California.

Name	Residence		County	Precinct Number	Date of Signing
	Street and No.	City or Town			