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BILL JONES

Secretary of State
 State of California

#729

April 17, 1996

TO ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, OR COUNTY CLERKS, AND PROPONENTS (96151)

Pursuant to Section 336 of the Elections Code, we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed Initiative Measure entitled:

STATE SENATE. INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.
 COUNTIES DESIGNATED AS SENATORIAL DISTRICTS.
 INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Circulating and Filing Schedule

1. Minimum number of signatures required 693,230
 Cal. Const., Art. II, Sec. 8(b).
2. Official Summary Date Wednesday, 04/17/96
 Elec. C., Sec. 336.
3. Petition Sections:
 - a. First day Proponents can circulate Sections for
 signatures Wednesday, 04/17/96
 Elec. C., Sec. 336.
 - b. Last day Proponents can circulate and file with
 the county. All sections are to be filed at
 the same time within each county. Friday, 09/13/96
 Elec. C., Secs. 336, 9030(a).
 - c. Last day for county to determine total number of
 signatures affixed to petition and to transmit total
 to the Secretary of State Wednesday, 09/25/96
 Elec. C., Sec. 9030(b).

(If the Proponents file the petition with the county on a date prior to 09/13/96, the county has eight working days from the filing of the petition to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit the total to the Secretary of State.) Elec. C., Sec. 9030(b).

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d. Secretary of State determines whether the total number of signatures filed with all county clerks meets the minimum number of required signatures, and notifies the counties Friday, 10/04/96*
Elec. C., Sec. 9030(c).

e. Last day for county to determine total number of qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Tuesday, 11/19/96
Elec. C., Sec. 9030(d).

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 10/04/96, the last day is no later than the thirtieth day after the county's receipt of notification.)
Elec. C., Sec. 9030(d), (e).

f. If the signature count is more than 762, 553 or less than 658,569 then the Secretary of State certifies the petition has qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 658,569 and 762,553 inclusive, then the Secretary of State notifies the counties using the random sampling technique to determine the validity of all signatures Friday, 11/29/96*
Elec. C., Secs. 9030(f), (g); 9031(a).

g. Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Tuesday, 01/14/97
Elec. C., Sec. 9031(b), (c).

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who have signed the petition on a date other than 11/29/96, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after county's receipt of notification.)
Elec. C., Sec. 9031(b), (c).

h. Secretary of State certified whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required to declare the petition sufficient Saturday, 01/18/97*
Elec. C., Secs. 9031(d), 9033.

* Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

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4. The Proponents of the above-named measure are:

Barbara Groves McIver
John L. Gowney
Senate by County
334 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080
(916) 527-5299
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5. Important Points:

- (a) California law prohibits the use of signatures, names and addresses gathered on initiative petitions for any purpose other than to qualify the initiative measure for the ballot. This means that the petitions cannot be used to create or add to mailing lists or similar lists for any purpose, including fund raising or requests for support. Any such misuse constitutes a crime under California law. Elections Code sections 18650; *Bilofsky v. Deukmejian* (1981) 123 Cal.App. 3d 825, 177 Cal.Rptr. 621; 63 Ops. Cal.Atty.Gen.37 (1980).
- (b) Please refer to Elections Code sections 100, 101, 104, 9001, 9008, 9009, 9021, and 9022 for appropriate format and type consideration in printing, typing and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Please send a copy of the petition after you have it printed. This copy is not for our review or approval, but to supplement our file.
- (c) Your attention is directed to the campaign disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code section 81000 et seq.
- (d) When writing or calling state or county elections officials, provide the official title of the initiative which was prepared by the Attorney General. Use of this title will assist elections officials in referencing the proper file.
- (e) When a petition is presented to the county elections official for filing by someone other than the proponent, the required authorization shall include the name or names of the persons filing the petition.
- (f) When filing the petition with the county elections official, please provide a blank petition for elections official use.

NOTE TO PROPONENTS WHO WISH TO QUALIFY FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 1996 GENERAL ELECTION: This initiative must be certified for the ballot 131 days before the election (June 27, 1996). Please remember to time your submissions accordingly. For example, in order to allow the maximum time permitted by law for the random sample verification process, it is suggested that proponents file their petitions to county elections officials by April 19, 1996. If a 100% check of signatures is necessary, it is advised that the petitions be filed by February 28, 1996

Sincerely,



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ELECTIONS SPECIALIST

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Secretary of State
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BILL JONES, Secretary of State
By *C. Mitchell*
Deputy Secretary of State

Re: Initiative Title and Summary
Subject: STATE SENATE. INCREASED MEMBERSHIP. COUNTIES DESIGNATED AS
SENATORIAL DISTRICTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
File No: SA 96 RF 0007

Dear Mr. Jones:

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 9004 and 336 of the Elections Code, you are hereby notified that on this day we mailed to the proponents of the above-identified proposed initiative our title and summary.

Enclosed is a copy of our transmittal letter to the proponents, a copy of our title and summary, a declaration of mailing thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records, the names and address of the proponents are as stated on the declaration of mailing.

Sincerely,

DANIEL E. LUNGREN
Attorney General

Kathleen F. DaRosa

KATHLEEN F. DaROSA
Initiative Coordinator

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Enclosures

Date: April 17, 1996
File No: SA96RF0007

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

STATE SENATE. INCREASED MEMBERSHIP. COUNTIES DESIGNATED AS
SENATORIAL DISTRICTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Increases membership in State Senate from 40 members to 58 members. Defines senatorial districts by county boundaries rather than by population. Permits each county to elect a single state senator, regardless of county's population. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Measure would not result in additional state costs because funding for the Legislature would continue to be determined by Proposition 140. Counties could experience unknown, but probably minor, statewide election-related costs to accommodate the election of Senators for the initial terms of office.

SENATE BY COUNTY
334 Washington Street, Red Bluff, Ca. 96080

Attorney General and Secretary of State Offices
California State Capitol
hand delivered, 2-26-96

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Re: Request for Initiative title and summary

INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Attached please find our draft of the text for an initiative which would amend the California Constitution, accompanied by the required \$200.00.

ADOPTION WOULD DESIGNATE EACH CALIFORNIA COUNTY A SENATE DISTRICT

Amend ARTICLE IV, Section 2. (a) The Senate has a membership of ~~40~~ (58) Senators elected for 4-year terms, ~~20~~ (29) to begin every 2 years.

Amend ARTICLE IV, Section 6. For the purpose of choosing members of the Legislature the state shall be divided into ~~40~~ (58) Senatorial and 80 Assembly Districts.

Amend ARTICLE XXI, Section 1. In the year following the year in which the national census is taken under the direction of Congress at the beginning of each decade, the Legislature shall adjust the boundary lines of the ~~Senatorial~~, Assembly, Congressional and the Board of Equalization in conformance with the following standards

Amend ARTICLE XXI, Section 1. (b) The population of all districts of a particular type shall be reasonably equal (, except Senate Districts, each which will be determined by county boundary.)

Upon approval of a majority of votes thereon shall take effect for the next election when half (29 odd-numbered district) senators will be elected for an initial 2-year term and half (29 even-numbered district) senators will be elected to a 4-year term. Each election thereafter 29 senators will be elected to 4-year terms. Other modifications shall be made, where needed, to reflect the above intent.

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