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March 1, 2000

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, OR COUNTY CLERKS, AND PROPONENTS (00075)

FROM:


JOANNA SOUTHARD
ELECTIONS ANALYST

SUBJECT: INITIATIVE #892

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

**ELECTION DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT.
TWO-THIRDS VOTE.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

The proponent of the above-named measure is:

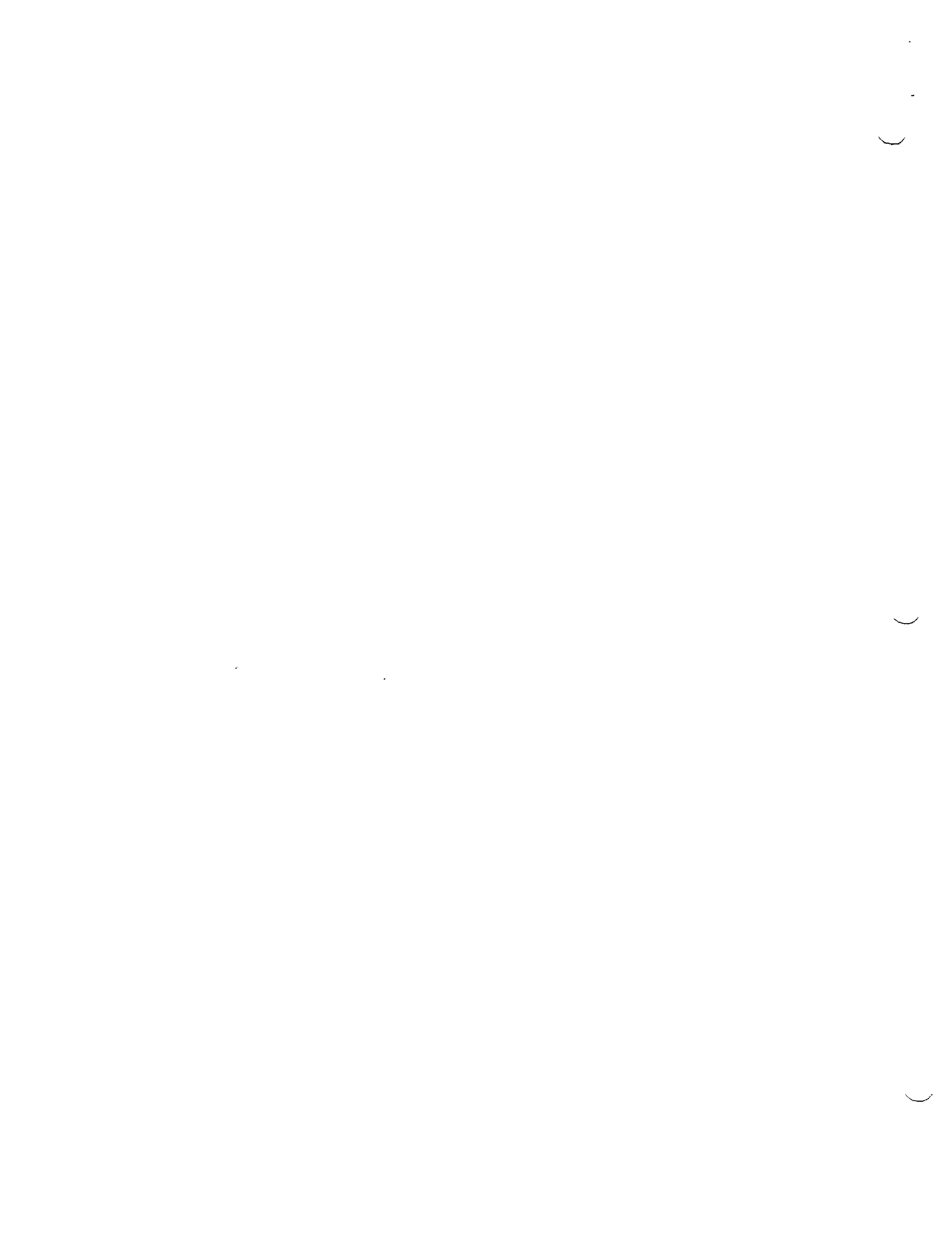
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#892
ELECTION DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT.
TWO-THIRDS VOTE.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

CIRCULATING AND FILING SCHEDULE

1. Minimum number of signatures required: 670,816
California Constitution, Article II, Section 8(b)

2. Official Summary Date:..... Wednesday, 03/01/00
Elections Code section (EC§) 336

3. Petitions Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for
signatures (EC §336) Wednesday, 03/01/00

 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and file
with the county. All sections are to be filed at the
same time within each county (EC §336, 9030(a))Monday, 07/31/00*

 - c. Last day for county to determine total number of
signatures affixed to petitions and to transmit total
to the Secretary of State (EC §9030(b))..... Thursday, 08/10/00

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 07/31/00,
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) (EC §9030(b)).

- d. Secretary of State determines whether the total number
of signatures filed with all county clerks/registrars of
voters meets the minimum number of required signatures,
and notifies the counties (EC §9030(c))..... Saturday, 08/19/00**

- 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
(EC §9030(d)(e)) Monday, 10/02/00

* Date adjusted for official deadline which falls on Saturday (EC §15).

** Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

INITIATIVE #892

Circulating and Filing Schedule continued:

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 08/19/00, the last day is no later than the thirtieth day after the county's receipt of notification). (EC §9030(d)(e)).

f. If the signature count is more than 737,898 or less than 637,275 then the Secretary of State certifies the petition as qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 637,275 and 737,898 inclusive, then the Secretary of State notifies the counties using the random sampling technique to determine the validity of **all** signatures (EC §9030(f)(g); 9031(a)).....Thursday, 10/12/00*

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. (EC §9031(b)(c)). Tuesday, 11/28/00

(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 10/12/00, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification) (EC §9031(b)(c)).

h. Secretary of State certifies whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required to declare the petition sufficient (EC §9031(d); 9033)..... Saturday, 12/02/00*

* Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- 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 fundraising or requests for support. Any such misuses constitutes a crime under California law. Elections Code section 18650; *Bilofsky v. Deukmejian* (1981) 123 Cal. App. 3d 825, 177 Cal. Rptr. 621; 63 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 37 (1980).
- 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 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.
- Your attention is directed to the campaign disclosure requirements of the **Political Reform Act of 1974**, Government Code section 81000 et seq. A brief summary is attached for your reference.
- 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.
- 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.
- When filing the petition with the county elections official, please provide a blank petition for elections official use.

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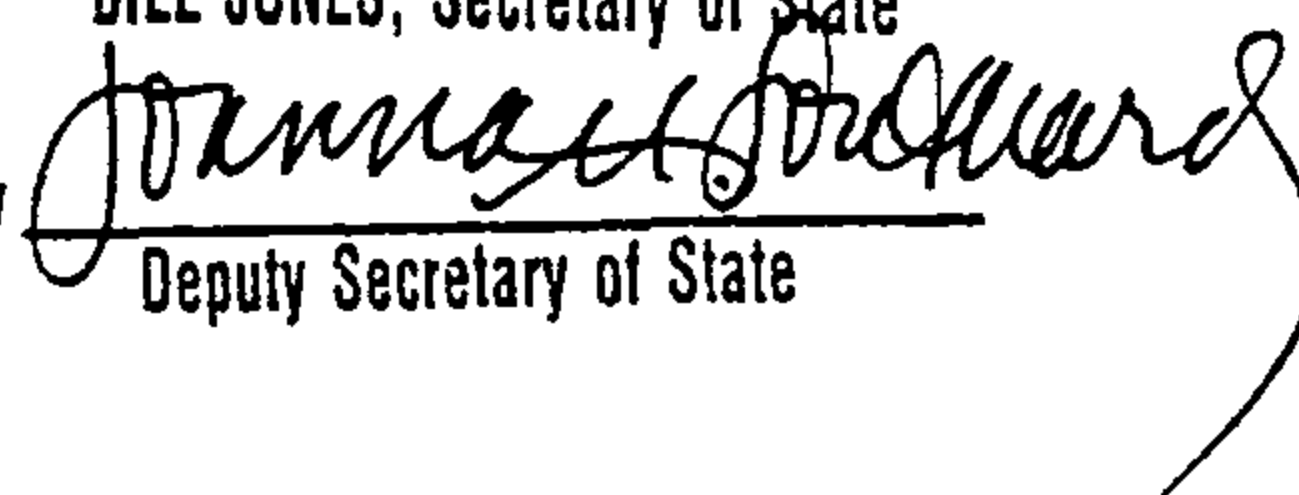
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In the office of the Secretary of State
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Secretary of State
1500 - 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

BILL JONES, Secretary of State
By 
Deputy Secretary of State

RE: Initiative Title and Summary
SUBJECT: ELECTION DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT.
TWO-THIRDS VOTE. INITIATIVE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
FILE NO: SA2000RF0003

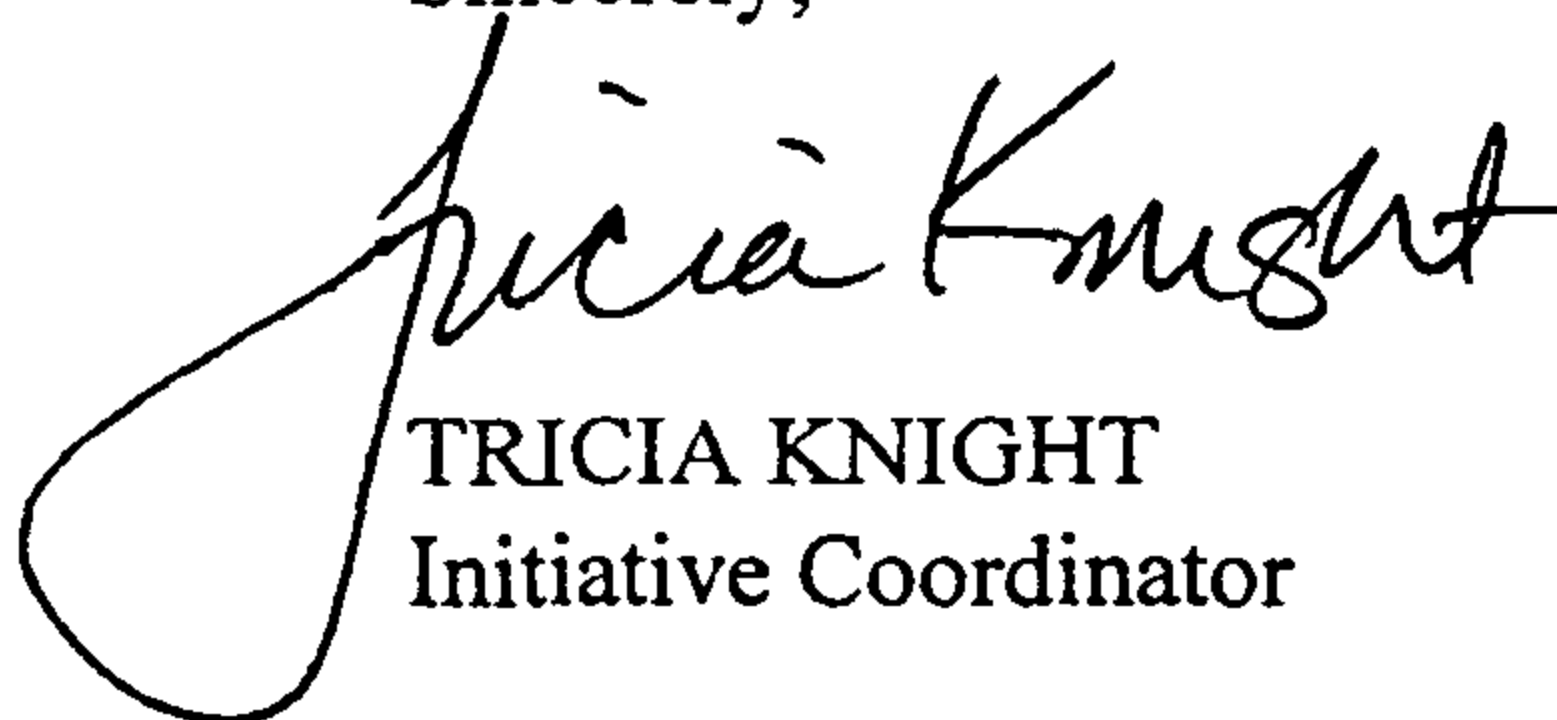
Dear Mr. Jones:

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

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

According to information available in our records, the name and address of the proponent is as stated on the declaration of service.

Sincerely,


TRICIA KNIGHT
Initiative Coordinator

For BILL LOCKYER
Attorney General

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Date: March 1, 2000
File No: SA2000RF0003

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

ELECTION DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT. TWO-THIRDS VOTE. INITIATIVE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires two-thirds concurrence of both houses of

Legislature to redraw district boundaries for Congress, State Assembly and Senate, Board of

Equalization. Imposes deadline for passage of required redistricting plans following federal decennial census. Prohibits use of data regarding voters' party affiliations or voting history.

Prohibits consideration of potential impact on incumbents or political parties. Links district

boundaries: two Assembly districts comprise one Senate district; ten Senate districts comprise

one Board of Equalization district. Requires single bill for all Senate, Assembly, Equalization

district adjustments, and single bill for all adjustments to congressional districts. Summary of

estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local

governments: This measure would probably have no fiscal effect on the state or local governments.



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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
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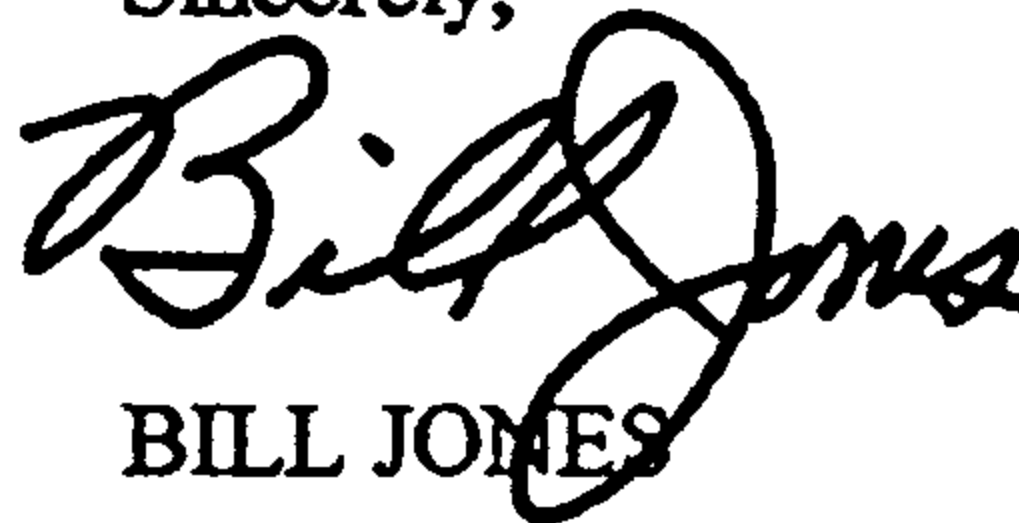
Re: Request for Title and Summary

Dear Ms. Calkins:

Please find enclosed the text of a proposed initiative to require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to pass a reapportionment plan and a check for \$200. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9002, I am requesting that your office prepare a title and summary of the proposed initiative measure.

I am the proponent and am a registered voter. I am including my address as registered to vote under separate cover.

Sincerely,


BILL JONES

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SECTION 1. Title

This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "Fair Representation Act."

SECTION 2. Findings and Declarations of Purpose

The People of the State of California find and declare that:

(a) Our Legislature should be responsive to the demands of the citizens of the state of California and not the self-interest of individual legislators. We demand that our representative system of government be fair to all, open to public scrutiny, free of conflicts of interest and dedicated to the principle that government derives its powers from the consent of the governed.

(b) Unfortunately, in prior decades, a bare majority of Legislators were able to draw district boundaries to ensure their own re-election and for other partisan political objectives.

(c) In order to ensure that the drawing of district boundaries from which state and congressional representatives are elected are fair, redistricting plans must be passed by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.

SECTION 3. Fair Reapportionment

Article XXI of the California Constitution is amended to read:

Section 1. On or before June 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, by a roll-call vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, adjust the boundary lines of the Senatorial, Assembly, Congressional, and Board of Equalization districts to ensure a timely reapportionment, free of the taint of partisanship or incumbent self-interest, and in conformance with Section 2 of this Article. the following standards:

Section 2. (a) Each member of the Senate, Assembly, Congress, and the Board of Equalization shall be elected from a single-member district.

(b) The population of all districts of a particular type shall be reasonably equal in compliance with Federal law.

(c) Every district shall be contiguous and compact.

(d) Districts of each type shall be numbered consecutively commencing at the northern boundary of the state and ending at the southern boundary.

(e) Each Board of Equalization district shall be comprised of ten adjacent Senate districts and each Senate district shall be comprised of two adjacent Assembly districts. The geographical integrity of any city, county, or city and county, or of any geographical region shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any other subdivision of this section.

(f) No consideration shall be given as to the potential effects on incumbents or political parties, and no data regarding the party affiliation or voting history of electors may be used in the preparation of plans.

(g) The geographical integrity of any city, county, or city and county, or of any geographical region shall be respected to the extent possible.

(h) The adjustment of boundary lines for the Board of Equalization, Senate and Assembly districts shall be proposed in a single bill. The adjustment of boundary lines for the United States House of Representatives shall be proposed in a single bill.

Section 3. Notwithstanding section 9(a) of Article II, an elector may propose a referendum measure of a redistricting statute passed by the Legislature pursuant to section 9(b) and 9(c) of Article II.

SECTION 4. Severability

If any part of the measure or the application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications which reasonably can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.