

CALIFORNIANS FOR A PART-TIME LEGISLATURE

COMPLETED PETITIONS DUE MARCH 15, 2010

Thank you for supporting our effort to collect petition signatures! Please make sure to follow these instructions so that your signature(s) will count:

YOU MUST PRINT THIS PETITION ON 8.5 x 14 inch paper (LEGAL SIZE)

Petitions that are divided into two pages WILL NOT COUNT.

Petitions that are printed in smaller font WILL NOT COUNT.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PETITIONS

FIRST, print petitions from the website www.reformcal.com making sure that the entire document fits on one page.

NEXT, Fill in the name of the County where each signer of the petition is registered to vote – a signer registered in one county cannot sign the same petition as a signer registered in another county.

NEXT, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

STEP 1 Clearly print your name and address and sign your signature in box 1.

STEP 2 Have a friend or relative fill in Line 2.

STEP 3 Fill Out the Declaration of Circulator Box Blanks:

1st blank - Print your name

2nd blank - Fill in your address

3rd blank - Fill in 1st date of circulation

4th blank - Fill in last date of circulation

5th blank - Insert day

6th blank - Insert month

7th blank - Insert name of city where signatures collected

STEP 4 Sign your name as circulator.

STEP 5 Mail your completed petition to the address below and ask your friends to do the same!

If you plan to circulate this petition to more than one household, you may sign as circulator for any county – make sure each signer signs the petition which lists the county where they are registered to vote. You can sign unlimited petitions as circulator – but only ONCE as a signer.

COMPLETED PETITIONS MUST BE RETURNED BY MARCH 15, 2010

Mail Completed Petitions to:
CALIFORNIANS FOR A PART-TIME LEGISLATURE
925 University Ave Sacramento, CA 95825

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“Californians for a Part-Time Legislature”

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO VOTERS

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

REDUCES LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND PAY BY AT LEAST 50%. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Reduces the Legislature’s regular session by more than 50% to no more than ninety-five days. Directs the Legislature to convene in January for up to thirty days and again in May for up to sixty days. Allows the Legislature to reconvene for up to five additional days to reconsider bills vetoed by the Governor. Requires that legislators’ salaries be cut by at least 50%, regardless of the amount of work legislators perform. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potential reduction in state costs of tens of millions of dollars per year, including over \$5.7 million in reduced annual costs for legislator salaries. Actual reduction, if any, would depend on future actions of the Legislature and the Governor. (09-0031.)

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California: We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the County identified below, hereby propose amendments to the California Constitution, relating to the State Legislature and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law.

The proposed constitutional amendments (full title and text of the measure) read as follows:

**THE CITIZEN LEGISLATURE ACT
SECTION 1. Title.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as “The Citizen Legislature Act.”

SECTION 2. Findings and Purposes.

The People of the State of California hereby make the following findings and declare that their purpose in enacting this Act is as follows:

(a) California’s experiment with a “full-time” Legislature has failed. The result has been a Legislature dominated by career politicians beholden to special interests. Legislators do not work “full-time” yet they receive full-time pay and benefits, more than double the amount of all other states. Yet, with all of these incentives, they continually fail to accomplish their most important job, passing a balanced state budget on-time.

(b) California needs and deserves a Legislature that is only interested in conducting the people’s business. Most states have a part-time Legislature, including some of the largest and most populous. A part-time Legislature will replace professional politicians with citizen legislators and will break the stranglehold of special interests. It

will reduce the number of unnecessary and self-serving bills and will result in a more responsible and accountable government institution.

(c) In order to further these and the purposes stated in section 1.5, the people hereby amend the California Constitution to enact the “Citizen Legislature Act.”

SECTION 3. Constitutional Amendment

Section 3.5 of Article IV of the California Constitution is added to read as follows:

Sec. 3.5(a) The Legislature shall reconvene in regular session on the first Monday in January of each year for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days, whereupon the Legislature shall stand in recess. The Legislature shall reconvene in regular session on the first Monday in May for a period not to exceed 60 calendar days.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the Legislature may reconvene for an additional period of 5 days following recess or adjournment to reconsider bills vetoed by the Governor pursuant to section 10.

(c) On or before the end of the fiscal year 2012, the California Citizens Compensation Commission shall, pursuant to section 8 of Article III, reduce the annual salary of Members of the Legislature by at least fifty percent of the salary established for the fiscal year in which this section becomes effective. Thereafter, the Commission may increase the annual salary of Members of the Legislature to account for any increase in the cost of living, and may reduce such salary at its discretion, pursuant to section 8 of Article III.

SECTION 4. Operative Date/Severability

(a) Section 3.5 shall become effective immediately, however it shall become operative for the biennium session commencing on the first Monday in December in 2012.

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.

All signers of this petition must be registered to vote in _____ County.			This column for official use only	
1.	Print Your Name:	Residence Address ONLY:		
	Signature as Registered to Vote:	City	Zip	
2.	Print Your Name:	Residence Address ONLY:		
	Signature as Registered to Vote:	City	Zip	

DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR: (To be handwritten by the circulator after above signatures have been obtained)
I, _____, am registered to vote or am eligible to register to vote in the State of California.
(Print Name)

I reside at the following address: _____
(Address, City, State, Zip)

I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition section is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____.
(Month, Day, Year) (Month, Day, Year)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this ____ day of _____, at _____, California. SIGNATURE: _____

5 EASY STEPS

1
Fill in County name

2
Clearly print your name and address and then sign.

3
Have a friend or relative fill in Line #2.

4
Fill in all blank spaces.

URGENT!
Your petition is invalid if you fail to also sign as CIRCULATOR.

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