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OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY (SAME AS ON PETITION)

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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

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TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of _____ County, hereby propose amendments to the Elections Code, relating to elections, 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 as otherwise provided by law. The proposed statutory amendments read as follows:

Reclaim Voters' Rights Act

SECTION 1. (a) This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Reclaim Voters' Rights Act.

(b) In 2011, Californians lost the right to vote on citizen-initiated ballot measures at statewide primary elections. This act restores that right.

SEC. 2. Section 9016 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

9016.(a) Notwithstanding Section 324, for purposes of subdivision (c) of Section 8 of, and subdivision (c) of Section 9 of, Article II of the California Constitution, "general election" means only the election held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year with respect to an initiative or referendum measure that is certified for the ballot on or after July 1, 2011.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an initiative measure shall not be submitted to the voters at placed on a statewide special election held ballot that qualifies less than 131 days after the date the measure is certified for the ballot before the date of the election.

(PU Amended by Stats.2011, Ch. 558, Sec. 1. (SB 202) Effective January 1, 2012.)

SEC. 3. Only the voters may amend these sections.

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I, _____ am 18 years of age or older. My residence address is: _____, City _____, State _____ Zip _____

I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition 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 _____. I showed each signer a valid and unfalsified "Official Top Funders" sheet, as required by Section 107. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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