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Re: Proposed Initiative Constitutional Amendment – “Penalize Politicians Who Manipulate Their Own Districts Initiative”

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to Elections Code 9001(a), I hereby request that the Attorney General prepare a circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the following proposed initiative measure. Enclosed please find a check for \$2000 for the fee required to initiate this process.

Included with this submission is the required proponent affidavit signed by the proponent of this measure pursuant to Sections 9001 and 9608 of the California Elections Code. The address where the proponent is registered to vote is included in the affidavit.

Any correspondence regarding this initiative should be directed to Carl DeMaio at PO Box 27227 San Diego CA 92198 – email carl@carldemaio.com and phone 619-806-0698.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

State Assemblymember Carl DeMaio
Proponent of Enclosed Initiative

INITIATIVE TEXT:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

To guard against conflicts of interest in the process of redistricting and to clarify the enforceability of existing state constitutional restrictions imposed on public officials who exercise approval of redistricting maps, the people hereby amend the California Constitution to prohibit any state legislator who votes in favor of modifying the citizen-imposed redistricting process and/or adopting a redistricting map from serving in various public offices or functions for a cooling off period to ensure they do not personally or politically benefit from their participation in redistricting decisions.

SECTION 2.

Article XXI Section 2, sub-section (c) of the California Constitution is amended to add item 7 as follows:

(7) Any state legislator who votes in the state legislature in favor of proposing or ratifying any redistricting map or votes in favor of any amendment to the state constitution that modifies or suspends the state redistricting process that was in effect as of January 1, 2025 shall be subject to the same prohibitions outlined in this section that would have been applied to them had they been a redistricting commission member – including, but not limited to, that they may not hold elective public office for a period of 10 years following said vote at the federal, state, county or city level in this State. Any vote after January 1, 2025 cast by a state legislator in the state legislature in favor of such actions shall trigger imposition of these prohibitions on that legislator. If on the effective date of this section a legislator is or is about to serve a term that they have been recently elected to, they may be allowed to fulfill the remainder of that single term – but may not seek and may not hold elective public office for a period of 10 years after the completion of that elected term.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Act are severable. If any portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, or application of this Act is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Act, which shall be given effect without the invalid portion or application.