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Historical Horse Racing Initiative Eligible for Idaho's November 2018 Ballot

Secretary of State Lawrence Denney announced today that the historical horse racing ballot initiative is eligible for the November 6, 2018, General Election ballot.

In order to become eligible for the ballot, the initiative needed at least 56,192 valid petition signatures. This amount is equal to 6 percent of the total registered voters at the time of the last general election. These signatures are also required to be distributed across at least 18 legislative districts with at least 6 percent of registered voters from each district.

The Secretary of State certified the initiative exceeds that threshold today, and it qualifies for the November 6, 2018, General Election ballot.

The Attorney General's official title of the initiative is as follows:

AN INITIATIVE AUTHORIZING HISTORICAL HORSE RACING AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS WHERE LIVE OR SIMULCAST HORSE RACING OCCURS AND ALLOCATING REVENUE THEREFROM. AN INITIATIVE AMENDING CHAPTER 25, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE; CONTAINS FINDINGS AND PURPOSES; AMENDS DEFINITION OF HISTORICAL HORSE RACE; ADDS NEW SECTION AUTHORIZING HISTORICAL HORSE RACE BETTING AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS WHERE LIVE OR SIMULCAST PARIMUTUEL HORSE RACE BETTING OCCURS; SPECIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORICAL HORSE RACE TERMINALS; DECLARES SUCH TERMINALS NOT TO BE SLOT MACHINES; ALLOCATES REVENUE FROM HISTORICAL HORSE RACE BETTING; REQUIRES LICENSEES TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH HORSEMEN'S GROUPS; CREATES HISTORICAL HORSE RACE PURSE MONEYS FUND IN STATE TREASURY; AUTHORIZES DISTRIBUTION BY STATE RACING COMMISSION AND INVESTMENT BY STATE TREASURER OF FUND MONIES; DIRECTS STATE RACING COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE IMPLEMENTING RULES; DECLARES ACT EFFECTIVE UPON VOTER APPROVAL AND COMPLETION OF VOTING CANVASS; AND PROVIDES FOR SEVERABILITY.

A summary of the initiative can be found on the Idaho Secretary of State website by visiting <https://sos.idaho.gov/elect/inits/2018/init04.html>.

The proponent of this initiative is Bruce Newcomb. He can be reached at P.O. Box 2762, Boise, ID 83701.

For more information about how an initiative qualifies for the ballot in Idaho, visit <https://sos.idaho.gov/elect/inits/2018/instructions.html>.

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