

CA PETTY THEFT INITIATIVE PETITION

ACTION ITEMS

- Sign Up to Collect Signatures
- Distribute Petitions to Family & Friends
- Contribute



TALKING POINTS

ADDRESSING REPEAT OFFENDERS OF THEFT

- **Proposes to authorize felony offenses for serial thieves and repeat offenders.**
- Any person who has previously been convicted of two or more prior theft crimes can be sentenced up to three years in county jail.
- In 2014, Prop 47 eliminated a similar sentence enhancement, but now treats petty theft and shoplifting (under \$950) as a misdemeanor regardless of how many times a person has been convicted.

ADDRESSING PROPERTY DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION COMMITTED DURING THEFT

- Re-enacts Penal Code Section 12022.6 which adds enhancements for any person that took, damaged, or destroyed excessive amounts of property during the commission of a felony.
- In 1990, this law was given a sunset provision and expired in Jan. 2018.
- Under current law, a person convicted of stealing property or causing damage valued at \$1,000 and over \$1 million is treated the same.
- **This initiative would allow for additional incarceration where the value of the items stolen, or the damage done during the commission of the crime is significant.**
 - o e.g. if the value is \$50,000 or more, an additional year in jail can be added to the sentence.

MULTIPLE OR CROSS-COUNTY PROSECUTIONS

- Reintroduces Penal Code Section 786.5 and Section 786.5
 - o Authorizes any District Attorney from any county where any portion of the planning, instigating, procuring, promoting, or aiding in the commission of the theft occurred to prosecute such crimes.
- **Example: If a series of thefts occur in San Francisco and a neighboring county, the District Attorney in either county can prosecute all of the thefts together.**

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