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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1947 without my signature.

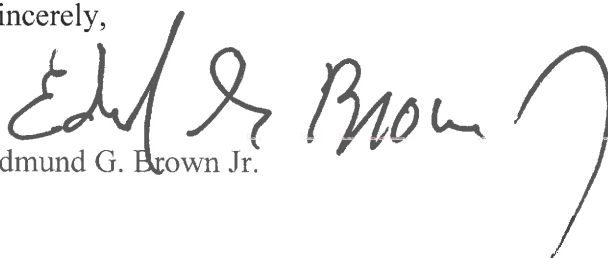
This bill prohibits paying circulators to collect signatures on an initiative, referendum, or recall petition on a per-signature basis.

As I stated in my veto message to an almost identical bill --SB 168 of 2011-- "per-signature payment is often the most cost-effective method for collecting the hundreds of thousands of signatures needed to qualify a ballot measure. Eliminating this option will drive up the cost of circulating ballot measures, thereby further favoring the wealthiest interests."

While I understand the potential abuses of the current per-signature payment system, my perspective has not changed since 2011.

I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.

