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**PUBLIC ISSUES LAW FIRM CHALLENGES LEGISLATURE'S
REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA'S LEGISLATIVE OPEN
RECORDS ACT**

Sacramento, California [February 27, 2006]: The Zumbrun Law Firm, a Sacramento public issues law firm, has filed a complaint in Sacramento County Superior Court asking the court to require the California State Legislature to turn over internal documents regarding bidding procedures for the Capitol Park Safety and Security Improvements Project.

“We’re asking the judge to compel the Legislature to release public documents showing who was behind the scheme to illegally restrict bidding for the Capitol Security Project,” said Ron Zumbrun. “The Legislature is mocking the state’s public records laws. It’s time the Legislature complied with the rules required for all other government agencies in the state.”

In 2005, the Senate Rules Committee usurped authority from the California Department of General Services so it could use an unorthodox bidding procedure for the \$6.8 million Capitol Security Project. Bidding was limited to a select few contractors who were willing to use an “all

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union work force.” These restrictions violate the principles underlying the state’s competitive bidding laws. The same would apply to an “all nonunion” requirement.

Neither the Legislature nor any committees voted on such a bidding policy. An as-yet-unknown legislator or legislators secretly and unilaterally decided on the policy and directed the Department of General Services to use it.

Using the California Public Records Act, The Zumbrun Law Firm was able to obtain internal e-mails from the Department of General Services that revealed and outlined the bidding scheme. However, the California State Legislature has refused to hand over its documents related to the project, in violation of the California Legislative Open Records Act. A copy of The Zumbrun Law Firm complaint is available at www.zumbrunlaw.com under “News.”

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