Calif. Senate OKs Iraq pullout referendum

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SACRAMENTO - The California Senate has voted to include on the state's presidential primary ballot a referendum calling for the withdrawal of U.S. Troops from Iraq.

 If the referendum appears on the February 2008 primary ballot, then California could become the first state to formally call for immediate withdrawal, The Los Angeles Times reported Thursday. The Assembly is expected to approve the measure, but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has not said whether he would sign it.

 The state Senate voted on the proposal one day after passing legislation requiring the state's public pension funds to pull their investments in Iran.

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