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Clock watchers had nothing on Pacific Telephone operators. Sunday, Sept. 29 at 2 a.m., who at one time doled out the correct time every 15 seconds, 240 times an hour, 24 hours a day.

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Placing of Ballot Measures Go **Under New Order Here in 1958**

By RICHARD RICHARDS
State Senator
Beginning with the next general election in 1953, the numerical order in which initiative and referendum measures appear on the ballot will be determined by law rather than by the Secretary of State.
This will result from legislation which I birtoduced in the 1957 session and which has been under discussion by the Legislature for the past 10 years. Its passage has long been advocated by various civic organizations interested in election reforms; among them the League of Women Voters.

Objections to the previous at the general public through initiative petition will appear in the order in which they qualification. Referendum Third Third in order will appear any referendum measures, also in the order determined by the tis officially certified that sufficient signatures have been obtained to meet the constitutional requirements for such petitions.

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civic organication reforms; in election reforms; in election reforms; them the League of Women Voters.

Objections to the previous system have often been voiced in connection with measures whose supporters felt they had been given a disadvantageous position on the ballot through a purely arbitrary decision by the Department of State.

Two Examples
Two examples frequently cited are the 1948 initiative proposition to give Los Angeless County greater representation in the State Senate, and the more recent proposal to abolish cross-filing, in 1952. Both appeared on the ballot as Proposition 13 and both were defeated.

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Proposition 18 and both were defeated.

Actually, the fundamental objection was not so much to the position on the ballot as to the seemingly arbitrary manner in which that position was determined. Supporters of the new system feel that there can be no valid objection as long as the order of ballot measures is clearly determined by law in advance of any passing controversy.

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Order Given

Under the new act all measures submitted to a vote of the people by the Legislature will appear first on the ballot, and the order of these propositions will still be determined by the Secretary of State.

The primary reason for this arrangement was that school bond issues and measures affecting veterans' affairs have traditionally always been assigned the first places on the ballot. Since these measures originate in the Legislature, it was thought that the most practical means of retaining this practice would be to permit the Department of State determine their order as before.

After these legislative proposals, any measures proposed

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tional requirements for such petitions.

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"The Writer—The Fair.
Haired Boy of Theatre and TV"
was the subject of a talk by
W. David Slevers to the Southwest Manuscripters at their
September meeting Friday."
Sievers, associate professor
of speech and drama at Long
Beach State College, gave three
reasons for the new high status given to writers.
First, the encouragement and
assistance given to promising
writers by the Rockefeller and
Ford Foundations. Colleges
and universities are giving
more courses in playwriting
and TV.

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on TV formulas, markets, and agents.

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Sales for the past month by the Manuscribers included the following: Short story, "I've Got Your Wave Length" by Polly Booth to Fantastic Universe magazine. Novelette, "Remembrance & Reflection" by Mark Clifton to Fantasy and Science Flction. An article, "Little Sod Schoolhouse" by Martha Lambert to Progress magazine. Short story, "Grandma's Miracle" by Florence Hancher to Fate magazine. Southwest Manuscripters, an organization of professional and beginning writers, meets on the third Friday evening of every month at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach. Further information may be obtained by calling Eleanor B. Gilbert, secretary.

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