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Nevada's Independent American **Party** will spearhead a statewide initiative petition to prevent **illegal immigrants** from getting state **benefits**, its leaders said.

The **party** has formed Nevadans First, a committee to prepare language for the initiative that would be similar to California's Proposition 187 and could go before Nevada voters in 2006.

"We welcome legal **immigrants** who comply with the legal requirements to become citizens," said Chris Hansen, chair of Nevadans First. "This initiative is to discourage **illegal aliens** from coming to Nevada in search of government **benefits** paid for by Nevada taxpayers."

Richard Siegel, a political-science professor at the University of Nevada-Reno, said the proposal seems similar to California's Proposition 187.

The 1994 initiative, pushed by then-Gov. Pete Wilson, sought to bar most state services to **illegal immigrants**.

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