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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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The Committee on Rules (Hutson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 248 - 538

and insert:

2. If the financial impact statement estimates an indeterminate financial impact, the ballot must include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(c).

3. If the members of the Financial Impact Estimating Conference are unable to agree on the statement required by this subsection, the ballot must include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(d).



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12 (e)1. Any financial impact statement that the Supreme Court  
13 finds not to be in accordance with this subsection shall be  
14 remanded solely to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference  
15 for redrafting, provided the court's advisory opinion is  
16 rendered at least 75 days before the election at which the  
17 question of ratifying the amendment will be presented. The  
18 Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall prepare and adopt a  
19 revised financial impact statement no later than 5 p.m. on the  
20 15th day after the date of the court's opinion.

21 2. If, by 5 p.m. on the 75th day before the election, the  
22 Supreme Court has not issued an advisory opinion on the initial  
23 financial impact statement prepared by the Financial Impact  
24 Estimating Conference for an initiative amendment that otherwise  
25 meets the legal requirements for ballot placement, the financial  
26 impact statement shall be deemed approved for placement on the  
27 ballot.

28 3. In addition to the financial impact statement required  
29 by this subsection, the Financial Impact Estimating Conference  
30 shall draft an initiative financial information statement. The  
31 initiative financial information statement should describe in  
32 greater detail than the financial impact statement any projected  
33 increase or decrease in revenues or costs that the state or  
34 local governments would likely experience ~~and the estimated~~  
35 ~~economic impact on the state and local economy~~ if the ballot  
36 measure were approved. If appropriate, the initiative financial  
37 information statement may include both estimated dollar amounts  
38 and a description placing the estimated dollar amounts into  
39 context. The initiative financial information statement must  
40 include both a summary of not more than 500 words and additional



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41 detailed information that includes the assumptions that were  
42 made to develop the financial impacts, workpapers, and any other  
43 information deemed relevant by the Financial Impact Estimating  
44 Conference.

45 4. The Department of State shall have printed, and shall  
46 furnish to each supervisor of elections, a copy of the summary  
47 from the initiative financial information statements. The  
48 supervisors shall have the summary from the initiative financial  
49 information statements available at each polling place and at  
50 the main office of the supervisor of elections upon request.

51 5. The Secretary of State and the Office of Economic and  
52 Demographic Research shall make available on the Internet each  
53 initiative financial information statement in its entirety. In  
54 addition, each supervisor of elections whose office has a  
55 website shall post the summary from each initiative financial  
56 information statement on the website. Each supervisor shall  
57 include a copy of each summary from the initiative financial  
58 information statements and the Internet addresses for the  
59 information statements on the Secretary of State's and the  
60 Office of Economic and Demographic Research's websites in the  
61 publication or mailing required by s. 101.20.

62 (f) When the Secretary of State submits a proposed  
63 initiative petition to the President of the Senate and the  
64 Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to s. 15.21,  
65 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
66 Representatives may direct legislative staff to prepare an  
67 analysis of the petition. Such analysis may include, but is not  
68 limited to, whether the amendment has undefined terms, conflicts  
69 with an existing provision of the State Constitution, or will



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70 cause unintended consequences or economic impacts.

71 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 101.161, Florida  
72 Statutes, is amended to read:

73 101.161 Referenda; ballots.—

74 (1) Whenever a constitutional amendment or other public  
75 measure is submitted to the vote of the people, a ballot summary  
76 of such amendment or other public measure shall be printed in  
77 clear and unambiguous language on the ballot after the list of  
78 candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word  
79 "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote  
80 will indicate approval of the proposal and a "no" vote will  
81 indicate rejection. The ballot summary of the amendment or other  
82 public measure and the ballot title to appear on the ballot  
83 shall be embodied in the constitutional revision commission  
84 proposal, constitutional convention proposal, taxation and  
85 budget reform commission proposal, or enabling resolution or  
86 ordinance. The ballot summary of the amendment or other public  
87 measure shall be an explanatory statement, not exceeding 75  
88 words in length, of the chief purpose of the measure. In  
89 addition, for every constitutional amendment proposed by  
90 initiative, the ballot shall include, following the ballot  
91 summary, in the following order:

92 (a) A separate financial impact statement concerning the  
93 measure prepared by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference  
94 in accordance with s. 100.371(13) ~~s. 100.371(5)~~.

95 (b) If the financial impact statement projects a net  
96 negative impact on the state budget, the following statement in  
97 bold print:

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99 THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO  
100 HAVE A NET NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS  
101 IMPACT MAY RESULT IN HIGHER TAXES OR A LOSS OF  
102 GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED  
103 STATE BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

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105 (c) If the financial impact statement is indeterminate, the  
106 following statement in bold print:

107  
108 THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE  
109 DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES  
110 SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.

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112 (d) If the members of the Financial Impact Estimating  
113 Conference are unable to agree on the financial impact  
114 statement, the following statement in bold print:

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116 THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ESTIMATING CONFERENCE WAS UNABLE  
117 TO AGREE ON THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS PROPOSED  
118 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. THIS AMENDMENT MAY RESULT IN  
119 HIGHER TAXES OR A LOSS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN ORDER  
120 TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED STATE BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY THE  
121 CONSTITUTION.

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123 The ballot title shall consist of a caption, not exceeding 15  
124 words in length, by which the measure is commonly referred to or  
125 spoken of. This subsection does not apply to constitutional  
126 amendments or revisions proposed by joint resolution.

127 Section 5. Section 101.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to



128 read:  
129 101.171 Copy of constitutional amendment to be available at  
130 voting locations.—Whenever any amendment to the State  
131 Constitution is to be voted upon at any election, the Department  
132 of State shall have printed and shall furnish to each supervisor  
133 of elections a sufficient number of copies of the amendment  
134 either in poster or booklet form, and the supervisor shall  
135 provide ~~have~~ a copy in a designated area of each polling  
136 location as determined by the supervisor ~~thereof conspicuously~~  
137 ~~posted or available at each polling room or early voting area~~  
138 ~~upon the day of election.~~

139 Section 6. The provisions of this act apply to revisions or  
140 amendments to the State Constitution proposed by initiative  
141 which are proposed for the  
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143 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

144 And the title is amended as follows:

145 Delete lines 34 - 58

146 and insert:

147 constitutional amendments proposed by initiative  
148 include certain disclosures and statements, in a  
149 specified order; amending s.