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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Hutson) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (920890) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete everything after the enacting clause
5 and insert:

6 Section 1. Section 15.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 15.21 Initiative petitions; s. 3, Art. XI, State
9 Constitution.—The Secretary of State shall immediately submit an
10 initiative petition to the Attorney General, the President of
11 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and



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12 ~~to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference~~ if the sponsor
13 has:

14 (1) Registered as a political committee pursuant to s.
15 106.03;

16 (2) Submitted the ballot title, substance, and text of the
17 proposed revision or amendment to the Secretary of State
18 pursuant to ss. 100.371 and 101.161; and

19 (3) Obtained a letter from the Division of Elections
20 confirming that the sponsor has submitted to the appropriate
21 supervisors for verification, and the supervisors have verified,
22 forms signed and dated equal to 33 ~~40~~ percent of the number of
23 electors statewide and in at least two-thirds ~~one-fourth~~ of the
24 congressional districts required by s. 3, Art. XI of the State
25 Constitution.

26 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 16.061, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 16.061 Initiative petitions.—

29 (1) The Attorney General shall, within 30 days after
30 receipt of a proposed revision or amendment to the State
31 Constitution by initiative petition from the Secretary of State,
32 petition the Supreme Court, requesting an advisory opinion
33 regarding the compliance of the text of the proposed amendment
34 or revision with s. 3, Art. XI of the State Constitution, and
35 whether the proposed amendment is facially invalid under the
36 United States Constitution, and the compliance of the proposed
37 ballot title and substance with s. 101.161. The petition may
38 enumerate any specific factual issues that the Attorney General
39 believes would require a judicial determination.

40 Section 3. Subsections (3), (6), (11), and (13) of section



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41 100.371, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

42 100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot.—

43 (3) (a) A person may not collect signatures or initiative
44 petitions for compensation unless the person is registered as a
45 petition circulator with the Secretary of State.

46 (b) A citizen may challenge a petition circulator's
47 registration under this section by filing a petition in circuit
48 court. If the court finds that the respondent is not a
49 registered petition circulator, the court may enjoin the
50 respondent from collecting signatures or initiative petitions
51 for compensation until she or he is lawfully registered.

52 (6) The division or the supervisor of elections shall make
53 hard copy petition forms or electronic portable document format
54 petition forms available to registered petition circulators. All
55 such forms must contain information identifying the petition
56 circulator to which the forms are provided. The division shall
57 maintain a database of all registered petition circulators and
58 the petition forms assigned to each. Each supervisor of
59 elections shall provide to the division information on petition
60 forms assigned to and received from petition circulators. The
61 information must be provided in a format and at times as
62 required by the division by rule. The division must update
63 information on petition forms daily and make the information
64 publicly available.

65 (11) An initiative petition form circulated for signature
66 may not be bundled with or attached to any other petition. Each
67 signature shall be dated when made and shall be valid until the
68 next February 1 occurring in an even-numbered year for the
69 purpose of the amendment appearing on the ballot for the general



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70 election occurring in that same year for a period of 2 years
71 following such date, provided all other requirements of law are
72 met. The sponsor shall submit signed and dated forms to the
73 supervisor of elections for the county of residence listed by
74 the person signing the form for verification of the number of
75 valid signatures obtained. If a signature on a petition is from
76 a registered voter in another county, the supervisor shall
77 notify the petition sponsor of the misfiled petition. The
78 supervisor shall promptly verify the signatures within 60 ~~30~~
79 days after receipt of the petition forms and payment of a ~~the~~
80 fee for the actual cost of signature verification incurred by
81 the supervisor required by s. 99.097. The Department of State
82 shall adopt rules to set the cost to verify a petition under
83 this subsection and shall update the cost annually; however, the
84 actual cost to verify a petition may not exceed \$1 per petition.
85 The supervisor shall promptly record, in the manner prescribed
86 by the Secretary of State, the date each form is received by the
87 supervisor, and the date the signature on the form is verified
88 as valid. The supervisor may verify that the signature on a form
89 is valid only if:
90 (a) The form contains the original signature of the
91 purported elector.
92 (b) The purported elector has accurately recorded on the
93 form the date on which he or she signed the form.
94 (c) The form sets forth the purported elector's name,
95 address, city, county, and voter registration number or date of
96 birth.
97 (d) The purported elector is, at the time he or she signs
98 the form and at the time the form is verified, a duly qualified



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99 and registered elector in the state.

100 (e) The signature was obtained legally, including that if a
101 paid petition circulator was used, the circulator was validly
102 registered under subsection (3) when the signature was obtained.
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104 The supervisor shall retain the signature forms for at least 1
105 year following the election in which the issue appeared on the
106 ballot or until the Division of Elections notifies the
107 supervisors of elections that the committee that circulated the
108 petition is no longer seeking to obtain ballot position.

109 (13) (a) At the same time the Secretary of State submits an
110 initiative petition to the Attorney General, the President of
111 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
112 pursuant to s. 15.21, the secretary shall submit a copy of the
113 initiative petition to the Financial Impact Estimating
114 Conference. Within 75 days after receipt of a proposed revision
115 or amendment to the State Constitution by initiative petition
116 from the Secretary of State, the Financial Impact Estimating
117 Conference shall complete an analysis and financial impact
118 statement to be placed on the ballot of the estimated increase
119 or decrease in any revenues or costs to state or local
120 governments, ~~estimated economic impact on the state and local~~
121 ~~economy,~~ and the overall impact to the state budget resulting
122 from the proposed initiative. The 75-day time limit is tolled
123 when the Legislature is in session. The Financial Impact
124 Estimating Conference shall submit the financial impact
125 statement to the Attorney General and Secretary of State.

126 (b) Immediately upon receipt of a proposed revision or
127 amendment from the Secretary of State, the coordinator of the



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128 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall contact the
129 person identified as the sponsor to request an official list of
130 all persons authorized to speak on behalf of the named sponsor
131 and, if there is one, the sponsoring organization at meetings
132 held by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference. All other
133 persons shall be deemed interested parties or proponents or
134 opponents of the initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating
135 Conference shall provide an opportunity for any representatives
136 of the sponsor, interested parties, proponents, or opponents of
137 the initiative to submit information and may solicit information
138 or analysis from any other entities or agencies, including the
139 Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

140 (c) All meetings of the Financial Impact Estimating
141 Conference shall be open to the public. The President of the
142 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, jointly,
143 shall be the sole judge for the interpretation, implementation,
144 and enforcement of this subsection.

145 1. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference is
146 established to review, analyze, and estimate the financial
147 impact of amendments to or revisions of the State Constitution
148 proposed by initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating
149 Conference shall consist of four principals: one person from the
150 Executive Office of the Governor; the coordinator of the Office
151 of Economic and Demographic Research, or his or her designee;
152 one person from the professional staff of the Senate; and one
153 person from the professional staff of the House of
154 Representatives. Each principal shall have appropriate fiscal
155 expertise in the subject matter of the initiative. A Financial
156 Impact Estimating Conference may be appointed for each



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157 initiative.

158 2. Principals of the Financial Impact Estimating Conference
159 shall reach a consensus or majority concurrence on a clear and
160 unambiguous financial impact statement, no more than 150 words
161 in length, and immediately submit the statement to the Attorney
162 General. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the Financial
163 Impact Estimating Conference from setting forth a range of
164 potential impacts in the financial impact statement. Any
165 financial impact statement that a court finds not to be in
166 accordance with this section shall be remanded solely to the
167 Financial Impact Estimating Conference for redrafting. The
168 Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall redraft the
169 financial impact statement within 15 days.

170 3. If ~~the members of the Financial Impact Estimating~~
171 ~~Conference are unable to agree on the statement required by this~~
172 ~~subsection, or if~~ the Supreme Court has rejected the initial
173 submission by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference and no
174 redraft has been approved by the Supreme Court by 5 p.m. on the
175 75th day before the election, the following statement shall
176 appear on the ballot ~~pursuant to s. 101.161(1)~~: "The ~~financial~~
177 ~~impact of this measure, if any, has not been~~ cannot be
178 ~~reasonably~~ determined at this time."

179 (d) The financial impact statement must be separately
180 contained and be set forth after the ballot summary as required
181 in s. 101.161(1).

182 1. If the financial impact statement projects a net
183 ~~estimates increased costs, decreased revenues, a negative impact~~
184 on the state budget ~~or local economy, or an indeterminate impact~~
185 ~~for any of these areas,~~ the ballot must include the ~~a~~ statement



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186 required by s. 101.161(1)(b) indicating such estimated effect in
187 bold font.

188 2. If the financial impact statement projects a net
189 positive impact on the state budget, the ballot must include the
190 statement required by s. 101.161(1)(c).

191 3. If the financial impact statement estimates an
192 indeterminate financial impact, the ballot must include the
193 statement required by s. 101.161(1)(d).

194 4. If the members of the Financial Impact Estimating
195 Conference are unable to agree on the statement required by this
196 subsection, the ballot must include the statement required by s.
197 101.161(1)(e).

198 (e)1. Any financial impact statement that the Supreme Court
199 finds not to be in accordance with this subsection shall be
200 remanded solely to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference
201 for redrafting, provided the court's advisory opinion is
202 rendered at least 75 days before the election at which the
203 question of ratifying the amendment will be presented. The
204 Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall prepare and adopt a
205 revised financial impact statement no later than 5 p.m. on the
206 15th day after the date of the court's opinion.

207 2. If, by 5 p.m. on the 75th day before the election, the
208 Supreme Court has not issued an advisory opinion on the initial
209 financial impact statement prepared by the Financial Impact
210 Estimating Conference for an initiative amendment that otherwise
211 meets the legal requirements for ballot placement, the financial
212 impact statement shall be deemed approved for placement on the
213 ballot.

214 3. In addition to the financial impact statement required



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215 by this subsection, the Financial Impact Estimating Conference
216 shall draft an initiative financial information statement. The
217 initiative financial information statement should describe in
218 greater detail than the financial impact statement any projected
219 increase or decrease in revenues or costs that the state or
220 local governments would likely experience ~~and the estimated~~
221 ~~economic impact on the state and local economy~~ if the ballot
222 measure were approved. If appropriate, the initiative financial
223 information statement may include both estimated dollar amounts
224 and a description placing the estimated dollar amounts into
225 context. The initiative financial information statement must
226 include both a summary of not more than 500 words and additional
227 detailed information that includes the assumptions that were
228 made to develop the financial impacts, workpapers, and any other
229 information deemed relevant by the Financial Impact Estimating
230 Conference.

231 4. The Department of State shall have printed, and shall
232 furnish to each supervisor of elections, a copy of the summary
233 from the initiative financial information statements. The
234 supervisors shall have the summary from the initiative financial
235 information statements available at each polling place and at
236 the main office of the supervisor of elections upon request.

237 5. The Secretary of State and the Office of Economic and
238 Demographic Research shall make available on the Internet each
239 initiative financial information statement in its entirety. In
240 addition, each supervisor of elections whose office has a
241 website shall post the summary from each initiative financial
242 information statement on the website. Each supervisor shall
243 include a copy of each summary from the initiative financial



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244 information statements and the Internet addresses for the
245 information statements on the Secretary of State's and the
246 Office of Economic and Demographic Research's websites in the
247 publication or mailing required by s. 101.20.

248 (f) When the Secretary of State submits a proposed
249 initiative petition to the President of the Senate and the
250 Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to s. 15.21,
251 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
252 Representatives may direct legislative staff to prepare an
253 analysis of the petition. Such analysis may include, but is not
254 limited to, whether the amendment has undefined terms, conflicts
255 with an existing provision of the State Constitution, or will
256 cause unintended consequences or economic impacts.

257 Section 4. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection
258 (3) of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
259 101.161 Referenda; ballots.—

260 (1) Whenever a constitutional amendment or other public
261 measure is submitted to the vote of the people, a ballot summary
262 of such amendment or other public measure shall be printed in
263 clear and unambiguous language on the ballot after the list of
264 candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word
265 "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote
266 will indicate approval of the proposal and a "no" vote will
267 indicate rejection. The ballot summary of the amendment or other
268 public measure and the ballot title to appear on the ballot
269 shall be embodied in the constitutional revision commission
270 proposal, constitutional convention proposal, taxation and
271 budget reform commission proposal, or enabling resolution or
272 ordinance. The ballot summary of the amendment or other public



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273 measure shall be an explanatory statement, not exceeding 75
274 words in length, of the chief purpose of the measure. In
275 addition, for every constitutional amendment ~~proposed by~~
276 ~~initiative~~, the ballot shall include, following the ballot
277 summary, in the following order:

278 (a) A separate financial impact statement concerning the
279 measure prepared by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference
280 in accordance with s. 100.371(13) or s. 101.162, as applicable
281 s. 100.371(5).

282 (b) If the financial impact statement projects a net
283 negative impact on the state budget, the following statement in
284 bold print:

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286 THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO
287 HAVE A NET NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS
288 IMPACT MAY RESULT IN HIGHER TAXES OR A LOSS OF
289 GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED
290 STATE BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

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292 (c) If the financial impact statement projects a net
293 positive impact on the state budget, the following statement in
294 bold print:

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296 THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO
297 HAVE A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS
298 IMPACT MAY RESULT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

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300 (d) If the financial impact statement is indeterminate, the
301 following statement in bold print:



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

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

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

The ballot title shall consist of a caption, not exceeding 15 words in length, by which the measure is commonly referred to or spoken of. Except as otherwise specifically provided in paragraph (3) (a), this subsection does not apply to constitutional amendments or revisions proposed by joint resolution.

(3) (a) Each joint resolution that proposes a constitutional amendment or revision shall include one or more ballot statements set forth in order of priority. Each ballot statement shall consist of a ballot title, by which the measure is commonly referred to or spoken of, not exceeding 15 words in length, and a ballot summary that describes the chief purpose of the amendment or revision in clear and unambiguous language. If



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331 a joint resolution that proposes a constitutional amendment or
332 revision contains only one ballot statement, the ballot summary
333 may not exceed 75 words in length. If a joint resolution that
334 proposes a constitutional amendment or revision contains more
335 than one ballot statement, the first ballot summary, in order of
336 priority, may not exceed 75 words in length. In addition, a
337 constitutional amendment or revision proposed by joint
338 resolution must include a financial impact statement following
339 the ballot summary when appearing on the ballot in accordance
340 with paragraphs (1) (a)-(e).

341 Section 5. Section 101.162, Florida Statutes, is created to
342 read:

343 101.162 Financial impact statements.-

344 (1) Upon filing or certification of a constitutional
345 amendment or revision with the Department of State, the
346 Secretary of State shall transmit the amendment or revision
347 proposed by joint resolution, the Constitution Revision
348 Commission, the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, or
349 constitutional convention to the Financial Impact Estimating
350 Conference. Within 75 days after receipt of a proposed revision
351 or amendment to the State Constitution from the Secretary of
352 State, the Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall complete
353 an analysis and financial impact statement to be placed on the
354 ballot of the estimated increase or decrease in any revenues or
355 costs to state or local governments and the overall impact to
356 the state budget resulting from the amendment or revision. The
357 75-day time limit is tolled when the Legislature is in session.
358 The Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall submit the
359 financial impact statement to the Attorney General and Secretary



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361 (2) Immediately upon receipt of a proposed amendment or
362 revision from the Secretary of State, the coordinator of the
363 Office of Economic and Demographic Research may notify any
364 interested parties or proponents or opponents of the amendment
365 or revision. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall
366 provide an opportunity for any interested parties or proponents
367 or opponents of the amendment or revision to submit information
368 and may solicit information or analysis from any other entities
369 or agencies, including the Office of Economic and Demographic
370 Research.

371 (3) All meetings of the Financial Impact Estimating
372 Conference shall be open to the public. The President of the
373 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, jointly,
374 shall be the sole judge for the interpretation, implementation,
375 and enforcement of this section.

376 (a) The Financial Impact Estimating Conference, established
377 under s. 100.371(13), shall review, analyze, and estimate the
378 financial impact of amendments to or revisions of the State
379 Constitution proposed by joint resolution, the Constitution
380 Revision Commission, the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission,
381 or constitutional convention.

382 (b) Principals of the Financial Impact Estimating
383 Conference shall reach a consensus or majority concurrence on a
384 clear and unambiguous financial impact statement, no more than
385 150 words in length, and immediately submit the statement to the
386 Attorney General. Nothing in this section prohibits the
387 Financial Impact Estimating Conference from setting forth a
388 range of potential impacts in the financial impact statement.



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389 Any financial impact statement that a court finds not to be in
390 accordance with this section shall be remanded solely to the
391 Financial Impact Estimating Conference for redrafting. The
392 Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall redraft the
393 financial impact statement within 15 days.

394 (c) If the Supreme Court has rejected the initial
395 submission by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference and no
396 redraft has been approved by the Supreme Court by 5 p.m. on the
397 75th day before the election, the following statement shall
398 appear on the ballot: "The impact of this measure, if any,
399 cannot be reasonably determined at this time."

400 (4) The financial impact statement must be separately
401 contained and be set forth after the ballot summary as required
402 in s. 101.161(1).

403 (a) If the financial impact statement projects a net
404 negative impact on the state budget, the ballot must include the
405 statement required by s. 101.161(1)(b).

406 (b) If the financial impact statement projects a net
407 positive impact on the state budget, the ballot must include the
408 statement required by s. 101.161(1)(c).

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

412 (d) If the members of the Financial Impact Estimating
413 Conference are unable to agree on the statement required by this
414 subsection, the ballot must include the statement required by s.
415 101.161(1)(e).

416 (5)(a) Any financial impact statement that the Supreme
417 Court finds not to be in accordance with this section shall be



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418 remanded solely to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference
419 for redrafting, provided the court's advisory opinion is
420 rendered at least 75 days before the election at which the
421 question of ratifying the amendment will be presented. The
422 Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall prepare and adopt a
423 revised financial impact statement no later than 5 p.m. on the
424 15th day after the date of the court's opinion.

425 (b) If, by 5 p.m. on the 75th day before the election, the
426 Supreme Court has not issued an advisory opinion on the initial
427 financial impact statement prepared by the Financial Impact
428 Estimating Conference for an amendment that otherwise meets the
429 legal requirements for ballot placement, the financial impact
430 statement shall be deemed approved for placement on the ballot.

431 (6) (a) In addition to the financial impact statement
432 required by this section, the Financial Impact Estimating
433 Conference shall draft a financial information statement. The
434 financial information statement should describe in greater
435 detail than the financial impact statement any projected
436 increase or decrease in revenues or costs that the state or
437 local governments would likely experience if the ballot measure
438 were approved. If appropriate, the financial information
439 statement may include both estimated dollar amounts and a
440 description placing the estimated dollar amounts into context.
441 The financial information statement must include both a summary
442 of not more than 500 words and additional detailed information
443 that includes the assumptions that were made to develop the
444 financial impacts, workpapers, and any other information deemed
445 relevant by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference.

446 (b) The Department of State shall have printed, and shall



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447 furnish to each supervisor of elections, a copy of the summary
448 from the financial information statements. The supervisors shall
449 have the summary from the financial information statements
450 available at each polling place and at the main office of the
451 supervisor of elections upon request.

452 (c) The Secretary of State and the Office of Economic and
453 Demographic Research shall make available on the Internet each
454 financial information statement in its entirety. In addition,
455 each supervisor of elections whose office has a website shall
456 post the summary from each financial information statement on
457 the website. Each supervisor shall include a copy of each
458 summary from the financial information statements and the
459 Internet addresses for the information statements on the
460 Secretary of State's and the Office of Economic and Demographic
461 Research's websites in the publication or mailing required by s.
462 101.20.

463 (7) This section does not apply to constitutional
464 amendments proposed by initiative.

465 Section 6. Section 101.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to
466 read:

467 101.171 Copy of constitutional amendment to be available at
468 voting locations.—Whenever any amendment to the State
469 Constitution is to be voted upon at any election, the Department
470 of State shall have printed and shall furnish to each supervisor
471 of elections a sufficient number of copies of the amendment
472 either in poster or booklet form, and the supervisor shall
473 provide have a copy in a designated area of each polling
474 location as determined by the supervisor ~~thereof conspicuously~~
475 ~~posted or available at each polling room or early voting area~~



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476 ~~upon the day of election.~~

477 Section 7. The provisions of this act apply to revisions or
478 amendments to the State Constitution which are proposed for the
479 2020 general election and each election thereafter; provided,
480 however, that nothing in this act affects the validity of any
481 petition form gathered before the effective date of this act or
482 any contract entered into before the effective date of this act.
483 Petition forms gathered before the effective date of this act
484 shall be governed by the laws existing at the time that the form
485 was initially gathered.

486 Section 8. If any provision of this act or its application
487 to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason,
488 the remaining portion of this act, to the fullest extent
489 possible, shall be severed from the void portion and given the
490 fullest possible force and application.

491 Section 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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493 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

494 And the title is amended as follows:

495 Delete everything before the enacting clause
496 and insert:

497 A bill to be entitled
498 An act relating to constitutional amendments; amending
499 s. 15.21, F.S.; requiring the Secretary of State to
500 submit an initiative petition to the Legislature when
501 a certain amount of signatures are obtained and
502 verified; amending s. 16.061, F.S.; requiring the
503 Attorney General to request the Supreme Court to
504 address in an advisory opinion the facial validity of



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505 the proposed amendment under the United States
506 Constitution; amending s. 100.371, F.S.; providing
507 that a citizen may challenge in circuit court a
508 petition circulator's registration with the Secretary
509 of State; authorizing the Division of Elections or a
510 supervisor of elections to provide petition forms in a
511 certain electronic format; revising the length of time
512 that a signature on a petition form is valid; revising
513 the timeframe within which the supervisor must verify
514 petition forms; requiring the supervisor to charge the
515 actual cost of verifying petition forms; requiring the
516 Department of State to adopt certain rules; providing
517 a limitation on the cost of signature verification;
518 revising the circumstances under which a petition form
519 is deemed valid; requiring the Secretary of State to
520 submit a copy of an initiative petition to the
521 Financial Impact Estimating Conference; revising
522 requirements for the Financial Impact Estimating
523 Conference's analysis of a proposed initiative's
524 economic impact; requiring certain ballot language
525 based on the findings of the Financial Impact
526 Estimating Conference; authorizing the use of
527 legislative staff to analyze the effects of a citizen
528 initiative under certain circumstances; amending s.
529 101.161, F.S.; requiring that ballots containing
530 constitutional amendments include certain disclosures
531 and statements, in a specified order; conforming
532 provisions to changes made by the act; creating s.
533 101.162, F.S.; requiring the Secretary of State to



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534 submit constitutional amendments or revisions proposed
535 by specified means to the Financial Impact Estimating
536 Conference; requiring the Financial Impact Estimating
537 Conference to complete an analysis of the amendment or
538 revision within a specified timeframe; requiring the
539 Financial Impact Estimating Conference to submit the
540 completed financial impact statement to the Secretary
541 of State and the Attorney General; requiring the
542 coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic
543 Research to provide certain notification to interested
544 parties; prescribing requirements and responsibilities
545 of the Financial Impact Estimating Conference;
546 specifying timeframes and procedures for challenges
547 and redrafting of financial impact statements;
548 prescribing the form of the financial impact
549 statement; requiring the Financial Impact Estimating
550 Conference to draft a financial information statement;
551 specifying requirements for such statements; requiring
552 that financial information statements be available at
553 specified locations and posted on the Internet;
554 providing applicability; amending s. 101.171, F.S.;
555 revising requirements regarding the availability of
556 copies of constitutional amendments at polling
557 locations; providing applicability; providing for
558 severability; providing an effective date.