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Senator Webster moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 1, lines 9 through 31, delete those lines,

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.161 Referenda; ballots.--

(3)(a) The ballot for the general election in the year 2000 must contain a statement allowing voters to determine whether circuit or county court judges will be selected by merit selection and retention as provided in s. 10, Art. V of the State Constitution. The ballot in each circuit must contain the statement in paragraph (c). The ballot in each county must contain the statement in paragraph (e).

(b) For any general election in which the Secretary of State, for any circuit, or the supervisor of elections, for any county, has certified the ballot position for an initiative to change the method of selection of judges, the ballot for any circuit must contain the statement in paragraph

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1 (c) or paragraph (d) and the ballot for any county must  
2 contain the statement in paragraph (e) or paragraph (f).

3 (c) In any circuit where the initiative is to change  
4 the selection of circuit court judges to selection by merit  
5 selection and retention, the ballot shall state: "Shall the  
6 method of selecting circuit court judges in the ... (number of  
7 the circuit) ... judicial circuit be changed from election by a  
8 vote of the people to selection by the judicial nominating  
9 commission and appointment by the Governor with subsequent  
10 terms determined by a retention vote of the people ~~selected~~  
11 through merit selection and retention?" This statement must be  
12 followed by the word "yes" and also by the word "no."

13 (d) In any circuit where the initiative is to change  
14 the selection of circuit court judges to election by the  
15 voters, the ballot shall state: "Shall the method of selecting  
16 circuit court judges in the ... (number of the circuit) ...  
17 judicial circuit be changed from selection by the judicial  
18 nominating commission and appointment by the Governor with  
19 subsequent terms determined by a retention vote of the people  
20 to election by a vote of the people ~~selected by vote of the~~  
21 electorate of the circuit?" This statement must be followed by  
22 the word "yes" and also by the word "no."

23 (e) In any county where the initiative is to change  
24 the selection of county court judges to merit selection and  
25 retention, the ballot shall state: "Shall the method of  
26 selecting county court judges in ... (name of county) ... be  
27 changed from election by a vote of the people to selection by  
28 the judicial nominating commission and appointment by the  
29 Governor with subsequent terms determined by a retention vote  
30 of the people ~~selected through merit selection and retention?~~"  
31 This statement must be followed by the word "yes" and also by

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1 the word "no."

2 (f) In any county where the initiative is to change  
3 the selection of county court judges to election by the  
4 voters, the ballot shall state: "Shall the method of selecting  
5 county court judges in ...(name of the county)... be changed  
6 from selection by the judicial nominating commission and  
7 appointment by the Governor with subsequent terms determined  
8 by a retention vote of the people to election by a vote of the  
9 people selected by vote of the electorate of the county?" This  
10 statement must be followed by the word "yes" and also by the  
11 word "no."

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13 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 On page 1, lines 2 through 5, delete those lines,

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20 and insert:

21 An act relating to referenda ballots; amending  
22 s. 101.161, F.S.; revising ballot language used  
23 to change the method of selecting circuit and  
24 county court judges; providing an effective  
25 date.

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