

By Senator Webster

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to ballot statements and  
3           titles; amending s. 101.161, F.S.; providing an  
4           exception to ballot statement and title length  
5           requirements; providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

11           101.161 Referenda; ballots.--

12           (1) Whenever a constitutional amendment or other  
13 public measure is submitted to the vote of the people, the  
14 substance of such amendment or other public measure shall be  
15 printed in clear and unambiguous language on the ballot after  
16 the list of candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by  
17 the word "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a  
18 "yes" vote will indicate approval of the proposal and a "no"  
19 vote will indicate rejection. The wording of the substance of  
20 the amendment or other public measure and the ballot title to  
21 appear on the ballot shall be embodied in the joint  
22 resolution, constitutional revision commission proposal,  
23 constitutional convention proposal, taxation and budget reform  
24 commission proposal, or enabling resolution or ordinance.  
25 Except for amendments and ballot language proposed by joint  
26 resolution,the substance of the amendment or other public  
27 measure shall be an explanatory statement, not exceeding 75  
28 words in length, of the chief purpose of the measure. The  
29 ballot title shall consist of a caption, not exceeding 15  
30 words in length, by which the measure is commonly referred to  
31 or spoken of.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides an exemption to ballot statement and title length requirements for constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution.