

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to ballot summaries; amending s. 101.161,  
 3           F.S.; exempting proposals from a constitution revision  
 4           commission or taxation and budget reform commission from  
 5           ballot summary word limits; 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 public  
 13 measure is submitted to the vote of the people, the substance of  
 14 such amendment or other public measure shall be printed in clear  
 15 and unambiguous language on the ballot after the list of  
 16 candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word  
 17 "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote  
 18 will indicate approval of the proposal and a "no" vote will  
 19 indicate rejection. The wording of the substance of the  
 20 amendment or other public measure and the ballot title to appear  
 21 on the ballot shall be embodied in the joint resolution,  
 22 constitutional revision commission proposal, constitutional  
 23 convention proposal, taxation and budget reform commission  
 24 proposal, or enabling resolution or ordinance. Except for  
 25 amendments and ballot language proposed by joint resolution or  
 26 by proposal of a constitution revision commission or taxation  
 27 and budget reform commission, the substance of the amendment or  
 28 other public measure shall be an explanatory statement, not

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29 | exceeding 75 words in length, of the chief purpose of the  
30 | measure. In addition, for every amendment proposed by  
31 | initiative, the ballot shall include, following the ballot  
32 | summary, a separate financial impact statement concerning the  
33 | measure prepared by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference  
34 | in accordance with s. 100.371(5). The ballot title shall consist  
35 | of a caption, not exceeding 15 words in length, by which the  
36 | measure is commonly referred to or spoken of.

37 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.