

HB 251

2019

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the constitution revision
3 commission; repealing s. 286.035, F.S., relating to
4 the Constitution Revision Commission, the powers of
5 the chair, and assistance by state and local agencies;
6 amending ss. 101.161 and 112.3215, F.S.; conforming
7 provisions to changes made by the act; providing a
8 contingent effective date.

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

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

14 101.161 Referenda; ballots.—

15 (1) Whenever a constitutional amendment or other public
16 measure is submitted to the vote of the people, a ballot summary
17 of such amendment or other public measure shall be printed in
18 clear and unambiguous language on the ballot after the list of
19 candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word
20 "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote
21 will indicate approval of the proposal and a "no" vote will
22 indicate rejection. The ballot summary of the amendment or other
23 public measure and the ballot title to appear on the ballot
24 shall be embodied in the ~~constitutional revision commission~~
25 ~~proposal~~, constitutional convention proposal, taxation and

26 | budget reform commission proposal, or enabling resolution or
 27 | ordinance. The ballot summary of the amendment or other public
 28 | measure shall be an explanatory statement, not exceeding 75
 29 | words in length, of the chief purpose of the measure. In
 30 | addition, for every amendment proposed by initiative, the ballot
 31 | shall include, following the ballot summary, a separate
 32 | financial impact statement concerning the measure prepared by
 33 | the Financial Impact Estimating Conference in accordance with s.
 34 | 100.371(5). The ballot title shall consist of a caption, not
 35 | exceeding 15 words in length, by which the measure is commonly
 36 | referred to or spoken of. This subsection does not apply to
 37 | constitutional amendments or revisions proposed by joint
 38 | resolution.

39 | Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (1) of
 40 | section 112.3215, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

41 | 112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch ~~or the~~
 42 | ~~Constitution Revision Commission~~; registration and reporting;
 43 | investigation by commission.-

44 | (1) For the purposes of this section:

45 | (a) "Agency" means the Governor, Governor and Cabinet, or
 46 | any department, division, bureau, board, commission, or
 47 | authority of the executive branch. ~~In addition, "agency" shall~~
 48 | ~~mean the Constitution Revision Commission as provided by s. 2,~~
 49 | ~~Art. XI of the State Constitution.~~

50 | (f) "Lobbies" means seeking, on behalf of another person,

51 to influence an agency with respect to a decision of the agency
52 in the area of policy or procurement or an attempt to obtain the
53 goodwill of an agency official or employee. ~~"Lobbies" also means~~
54 ~~influencing or attempting to influence, on behalf of another,~~
55 ~~the Constitution Revision Commission's action or nonaction~~
56 ~~through oral or written communication or an attempt to obtain~~
57 ~~the goodwill of a member or employee of the Constitution~~
58 ~~Revision Commission.~~

59 Section 3. Section 286.035, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

60 Section 4. This act shall take effect on the effective
61 date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR
62 249 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same
63 specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State
64 Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an
65 earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that
66 purpose.