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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  
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