

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1553

C 185 L 95

Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the proper form of certain ballot titles.

Sponsors: Representative L. Thomas; by request of Attorney General.

House Committee on Government Operations

Senate Committee on Government Operations

Background: When a proposed constitutional amendment or other measure is submitted to a vote of the people, the Attorney General is required to prepare a concise statement of not more than 20 words, posed as a question, containing the essential features of the measure. This concise statement constitutes the ballot title.

Referendum bills are bills enacted and sent to the people by the Legislature. When a petition has been filed against a state legislative enactment, it is called a referendum measure. In 1993, legislation was enacted that increased the number of words allowed in the concise statement to 25 for referendum measures filed against state legislative enactments.

Summary: The number of words allowed in the Attorney General's concise statement for constitutional amendments, initiatives, and referendum bills is increased from 20 to 25.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	47	0

Effective: July 23, 1995