

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to ballot summaries; amending s. 101.161,  
3 F.S.; removing the limits on ballot summary length for  
4 amendments and public measures except those proposed by  
5 initiative; 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,  
26 constitution revision commission, or taxation and budget reform  
27 commission, the substance 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.

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