

CHAPTER 25

ELECTIONS

HOUSE BILL 11-1035

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Court, Fields, Fischer, Hulinghorst, Kagan, Labuda, Lee, Levy, Looper, McCann, Miklosi, Pabon, Pace, Ramirez, Ryden, Schafer S., Solano, Soper, Todd, Tyler, Williams A., Wilson, Hamner; also SENATOR(S) Carroll, Aguilar, Boyd, Giron, Heath, Newell, Nicholson.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AN INFORMATIVE STATEMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET PRECEDING EACH MEASURE THAT IS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 40 of title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

1-40-126.5. Explanation of ballot titles and actual text of measures in notices provided by mailing or publication. (1) IN ANY NOTICE TO ELECTORS PROVIDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WHETHER IN THE BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-40-124.5 OR BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-40-124, THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION PRECEDING THE TITLE OF EACH MEASURE:

(a) FOR REFERRED MEASURES: "THE BALLOT TITLE BELOW IS A SUMMARY DRAFTED BY THE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL STAFF FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR BALLOT PURPOSES ONLY. THE BALLOT TITLE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE (COLORADO CONSTITUTION/COLORADO REVISED STATUTES). THE TEXT OF THE MEASURE THAT WILL APPEAR IN THE (COLORADO CONSTITUTION/COLORADO REVISED STATUTES) BELOW WAS REFERRED TO THE VOTERS BECAUSE IT PASSED BY A (TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY/MAJORITY) VOTE OF THE STATE SENATE AND THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES."

(b) FOR INITIATED MEASURES: "THE BALLOT TITLE BELOW IS A SUMMARY DRAFTED BY THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE LEGAL STAFF FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR BALLOT PURPOSES ONLY. THE BALLOT TITLE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE (COLORADO

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CONSTITUTION/COLORADO REVISED STATUTES). THE TEXT OF THE MEASURE THAT WILL APPEAR IN THE (COLORADO CONSTITUTION/COLORADO REVISED STATUTES) BELOW WAS DRAFTED BY THE PROPONENTS OF THE INITIATIVE. THE INITIATED MEASURE IS INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT AS A PROPOSED CHANGE TO CURRENT LAW BECAUSE THE PROPONENTS GATHERED THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF PETITION SIGNATURES."

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 17, 2011