

To Participants in the Ballot Analysis Process:

Senate Bill 05-94 requires the Director of Research of the Legislative Council to conduct a public meeting before the draft of the statewide ballot information booklet is finalized. At that meeting, the director and other members of the legislative staff have the opportunity to ask questions that arise in response to the written comments received. An excerpt of the pertinent statute is included at the end of this email.

As required by Senate Bill 05-94, the Director of Research will convene a meeting on Friday, August 24, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 0109 of the State Capitol on the following ballot analyses:

**Amendment A: Prohibit Slavery and Involuntary Servitude in All Circumstances
Amendment V: Lower Age Requirement for Members of the State Legislature
Amendment W: Election Ballot Format for Judicial Retention Elections
Amendment X: Industrial Hemp Definition
Amendment Y: Congressional Redistricting
Amendment Z: Legislative Redistricting
Initiative #93: Funding for Public Schools
Initiative #97: Increased Setback Requirement for Oil and Natural Gas Development
Initiative #108: Compensation for Reduction in Fair Market Value by Government Law or Regulation
Initiative #126: Limitations on Payday Loans
Initiative #153: Authorize Sales Tax and Bonds for Transportation Projects
Initiative #167: Authorize Bonds for Highway Projects
Initiative #173: Campaign Contributions**

At this time, the legislative staff does not have any unanswered questions of the individuals who submitted written comments on the drafts of the ballot analyses. It is anticipated that the meeting will be very brief. No public testimony will be taken at the meeting.

Thank you for your interest and assistance thus far in the process.

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Excerpt from SB 05-94:

1-40-124.5. Ballot information booklet. (1.7)(a) After receiving written comments from the public in accordance with section 1 (7.5) (a) (II) of article V of the state constitution, but before the draft of the ballot information booklet is finalized, the director of research of the legislative council of the general assembly shall conduct a public meeting at which the director and other members of the legislative staff have the opportunity to ask questions that arise in response to the written comments. The director may modify the draft of the booklet in response to comments made at the hearing. The legislative council may modify the draft of the booklet upon the two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the legislative council.