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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 348

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 348 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 20/2) (from Ch. 1, par. 103)

7 Sec. 2.

8 (a) The General Assembly in submitting an amendment to the  
9 Constitution to the electors, ~~or the proponents of an amendment~~  
10 ~~to Article IV of the Constitution submitted by petition,~~ shall  
11 prepare a brief explanation of such amendment, a brief argument  
12 in favor of the same, and the form in which such amendment will  
13 appear on the ~~separate ballot as provided by Section 16-6 of~~  
14 ~~the Election Code, as amended.~~ The minority of the General  
15 Assembly, or if there is no minority, anyone designated by the  
16 General Assembly shall prepare a brief argument against such

1 amendment. The explanation, the arguments for and against each  
2 constitutional amendment, and the form in which the amendment  
3 will appear on the ballot (with striking and underscoring)  
4 shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State no later  
5 than July 1 of the year in which the amendment shall appear on  
6 the ballot.

7 (b) In the case of an amendment to Article IV of the  
8 Constitution initiated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of  
9 the Constitution, the proponents of the amendment shall prepare  
10 a brief explanation of such amendment and a brief argument in  
11 favor of the same. For purposes of this subsection (b), the  
12 proponents shall be those persons so designated at the time of  
13 the filing of the petition as provided in Section 10-8 of the  
14 Election Code. A brief argument against such amendment shall be  
15 prepared by , ~~and the opponents shall be~~ those members of the  
16 General Assembly opposing such amendment, or if there are none,  
17 anyone designated by the General Assembly ~~and such opponents~~  
18 ~~shall prepare a brief argument against such amendment.~~ The  
19 proponent's explanation and argument in favor of and the  
20 opponents argument against an amendment to Article IV initiated  
21 by petition must be submitted to the Attorney General by July  
22 1, who may rewrite them for accuracy and fairness. The Attorney  
23 General shall prepare the form in which such amendment will  
24 appear on the ballot (with striking and underscoring). The  
25 explanation, the arguments for and against each constitutional  
26 amendment, and the form in which the amendment will appear on

1 the ~~separate~~ ballot (with striking and underscoring) shall be  
2 filed in the Office ~~office~~ of the Secretary of State no later  
3 than 30 days after the State Board of Elections has certified  
4 the ~~with the proposed~~ amendment.

5 (c) Within 30 days of receipt of the information related to  
6 the amendment, the Office of the Secretary of State shall  
7 publish the materials on a publicly accessible Internet website  
8 controlled by the Office of the Secretary of State, including  
9 an electronic version that may be downloaded. Additionally, the  
10 Office shall provide an electronic copy to the State Board of  
11 Elections and each election authority in the State.

12 (d) No later than one month before the general election,  
13 each election authority shall publish the information received  
14 from the Secretary of State on their Internet website and shall  
15 electronically mail the information to any registered voter who  
16 has provided the Board or the election authority with an  
17 electronic mail address.

18 (e) At least one month before the general ~~next~~ election at  
19 which the amendment appears on the ballot ~~of members of the~~  
20 General Assembly, following the passage of the proposed  
21 amendment, the Secretary of State shall publish the explanation  
22 of the amendment, the arguments for and against the amendment,  
23 the form in which the amendment will appear on the ballot (with  
24 striking and underscoring), and a link to the information  
25 published on the website, in full in 8 point type, or the  
26 equivalent thereto, in at least one secular newspaper of

1 general circulation in every county in this State in which a  
2 newspaper is published. In counties in which 2 or more  
3 newspapers are published, the Secretary of State shall cause  
4 such amendment to be published in at least 2 newspapers. In  
5 counties having a population of 500,000 or more, such amendment  
6 shall be published in not less than 6 newspapers of general  
7 circulation. After the first publication, the publication of  
8 such amendment shall be repeated once each week for 2  
9 consecutive weeks. In selecting newspapers in which to publish  
10 such amendment the Secretary of State shall have regard solely  
11 to the circulation of such newspapers, selecting secular  
12 newspapers in every case having the largest circulation. ~~The~~  
13 ~~proposed amendment shall have a notice prefixed thereto in said~~  
14 ~~publications, that at such election the proposed amendment will~~  
15 ~~be submitted to the electors for adoption or rejection, and at~~  
16 ~~the end of the official publication, he shall also publish the~~  
17 ~~form in which the proposed amendment will appear on the~~  
18 ~~separate ballot.~~ The Secretary of State shall fix the  
19 publication fees to be paid newspapers for making such  
20 publication, but in no case shall such publication fee exceed  
21 the amount charged by such newspapers to private individuals  
22 for a like publication.

23 (f) The General Assembly may, by resolution, direct the  
24 Secretary of State to distribute to the electors a pamphlet  
25 containing ~~In addition to the notice hereby required to be~~  
26 ~~published, the Secretary of State shall also cause the existing~~

1 ~~form of the constitutional provision proposed to be amended,~~  
2 the proposed amendment (with striking and underscoring), the  
3 explanation of the same, the arguments for and against the  
4 same, and the form in which such amendment will appear on the  
5 ~~separate ballot, to be published in pamphlet form in 8 point~~  
6 ~~type or the equivalent thereto; and the Secretary of State~~  
7 ~~shall mail such pamphlet to every mailing address in the State,~~  
8 ~~addressed to the attention of the Postal Patron. The Secretary~~  
9 ~~of State~~ ~~He~~ shall also maintain a reasonable supply of such  
10 pamphlets so as to make them available to any person requesting  
11 one.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)".