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

1 Article IV of the Constitution initiated pursuant to Section 3
2 of Article XIV of the Constitution, the proponents shall be
3 those persons so designated at the time of the filing of the
4 petition as provided in Section 10-8 of the Election Code, and
5 the opponents shall be those members of the General Assembly
6 opposing such amendment, or if there are none, anyone
7 designated by the General Assembly and such opponents shall
8 prepare a brief argument against such amendment. The
9 proponent's explanation and argument in favor of and the
10 opponents argument against an amendment to Article IV initiated
11 by petition must be submitted to the Attorney General, who may
12 rewrite them for accuracy and fairness. The explanation, the
13 arguments for and against each constitutional amendment, and
14 the form in which the amendment will appear on the separate
15 ballot shall be filed in the Office ~~office~~ of the Secretary of
16 State with the proposed amendment. At least one month before
17 the next election of members of the General Assembly, following
18 the passage of the proposed amendment, the Secretary of State
19 shall publish the amendment, in full in 8 point type, or the
20 equivalent thereto, in at least one secular newspaper of
21 general circulation in every county in this State in which a
22 newspaper is published. In counties in which 2 or more
23 newspapers are published, the Secretary of State shall cause
24 such amendment to be published in 2 newspapers. In counties
25 having a population of 500,000 or more, such amendment shall be
26 published in not less than 6 newspapers of general circulation.

1 When the Secretary first publishes the amendment in a newspaper
2 or newspapers under the provisions of this Section, he or she
3 shall also cause the existing form of the constitutional
4 provision proposed to be amended, the proposed amendment, the
5 explanation of the amendment, the arguments for and against the
6 amendment, and the form in which the amendment will appear on
7 the separate ballot, to be published on a publicly accessible
8 Internet website controlled by the Office of the Secretary of
9 State. The newspaper or newspapers containing the published
10 amendment shall also provide a link to the amendment
11 information published on the Secretary's Internet website.
12 After the first publication, the publication of such amendment,
13 including a link to the Secretary's Internet website, shall be
14 repeated once each week for 2 consecutive weeks. In selecting
15 newspapers in which to publish such amendment the Secretary of
16 State shall have regard solely to the circulation of such
17 newspapers, selecting secular newspapers in every case having
18 the largest circulation. The proposed amendment shall have a
19 notice prefixed thereto in said publications, that at such
20 election the proposed amendment will be submitted to the
21 electors for adoption or rejection, and at the end of the
22 official publication, he shall also publish the form in which
23 the proposed amendment will appear on the separate ballot. The
24 Secretary of State shall fix the publication fees to be paid
25 newspapers for making such publication, but in no case shall
26 such publication fee exceed the amount charged by such

1 newspapers to private individuals for a like publication. In
2 addition to the notice hereby required to be published, the
3 Secretary of State shall also cause the existing form of the
4 constitutional provision proposed to be amended, the proposed
5 amendment, the explanation of the same, the arguments for and
6 against the same, and the form in which such amendment will
7 appear on the separate ballot, to be published in pamphlet form
8 in 8 point type or the equivalent thereto; and the Secretary of
9 State shall mail such pamphlet to every mailing address in the
10 State, addressed to the attention of the Postal Patron. He
11 shall also maintain a reasonable supply of such pamphlets so as
12 to make them available to any person requesting one. The
13 Secretary of State shall not, however, publish, mail, or
14 maintain any pamphlets concerning a proposed constitutional
15 amendment to abolish the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, nor
16 shall the General Assembly be required to provide the language
17 for such a pamphlet explaining a proposed amendment for the
18 abolition of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

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

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law."