

HB 1695 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1695**

AN ACT requiring the secretary of state to include a voter's guide to the proposed constitutional amendment to voters on the ballot.

SPONSORS: Rep. Lane, Merr. 16; Rep. Muirhead, Graf. 12; Rep. Bay, Straf. 21; Rep. Ward, Rock. 27; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Election Law

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ANALYSIS

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT                    requiring the secretary of state to include a voter's guide to the proposed constitutional amendment to voters on the ballot.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Voter's Guides; Constitutional Amendments. Amend RSA 663:3-a to read as follows:

2            663:3-a Voter's Guides.

3            I. If the general court proposes ~~the~~ **a** constitutional amendment, the text of the statement  
4 for the voter's guide~~[- if any,]~~ shall be included in the resolution proposing the constitutional  
5 amendment. ~~[The joint committee on legislative facilities may authorize the printing or distribution~~  
6 ~~of the voter's guide.]~~ ***The text of the statement for the voter's guide shall state what will***  
7 ***happen if the amendment passes and what will happen if the amendment is defeated.***

8            II. If the constitutional convention proposes the constitutional amendment, the text of the  
9 statement for the voter's guide~~[- if any,]~~ shall be included in the resolution proposing the  
10 constitutional amendment. ***The text of the statement for the voter's guide shall state what***  
11 ***will happen if the amendment passes and what will happen if the amendment is defeated.***

12            2 New Section; Ballot Guidance; Constitutional Amendment. Amend RSA 663 by inserting after  
13 section 3-a the following new section:

14            663:3-b Ballot Guidance.

15            I. Except as provided in paragraph II, the text of the statement for the voter's guide as  
16 included in the resolution proposing the constitutional amendment as described in RSA 663:3-a shall  
17 be printed on the ballot immediately below the constitutional question to which it applies.

18            II. If the inclusion of the text of the statement for the voter's guide prepared pursuant to  
19 RSA 663:3-a necessitates an extra page of the ballot, then the text of the statement for the voter's  
20 guide shall be distributed with the ballot rather than printed on the ballot. The page containing the  
21 voter's guide shall not be processed through the ballot counting devices.

22            III. In addition, the joint committee on legislative facilities may separately authorize the  
23 printing or distribution of the voter's guide prior to the election.

24            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.