

Amendment to HB 1695

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT preventing any guide or explanation regarding the effect of a proposed constitutional
4 amendment from appearing on the ballot.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

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8 1 Questions to Voters; Constitutional Amendments; Form of Ballot. Amend RSA 663:3 to read
9 as follows:

10 663:3 Form of Ballot.

11 ***I.*** The following words shall be printed above the constitutional amendment questions on all
12 ballots containing such questions: "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments Proposed by
13 the Convention to Revise the Constitution" or "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments
14 Proposed by the Legislature to Revise the Constitution," whichever is appropriate. A constitutional
15 question shall include, in the text of the question, the text of the article of the constitution as it is
16 proposed to be amended, and the results of the vote taken on ordering the proposed amendment to
17 third reading in both the senate and the house of representatives or at the constitutional convention,
18 whichever is appropriate.

19 ***II. In instances where the general court or constitutional convention proposes a***
20 ***constitutional amendment in which the constitution would be amended, the proposed***
21 ***amendment shall be displayed on the ballot by way of bracketing and striking text that***
22 ***would be removed and bolding and italicizing text that would be added.***

23 2 Voter's Guides; Constitutional Amendments. RSA 663:3-a is repealed and reenacted to read
24 as follows:

25 663:3-a Voter's Guides. If the general court or constitutional convention proposes a
26 constitutional amendment, no explanation or voter's guide to the text of the amendment shall be
27 included on any ballot in which a vote on the adoption of the constitutional amendment takes place.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prevents any guide or explanation regarding the effect of a proposed constitutional amendment from appearing on the ballot.