

**Amendment No. 1010**

Senate Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 185 Second Reprint	(BDR 24-711)
<b>Proposed by:</b> Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	
<b>Amendment Box:</b> Replaces Amendment No. 946.	
<b>Resolves Conflicts with:</b> N/A	
<b>Amends:</b> Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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Amend section 1, page 2, line 3, after “*initiative*” by inserting “*or referendum*”.

Amend section 1, page 2, line 6, by deleting “*accurate*”.

Amend section 1, page 2, by deleting line 7 and inserting:

“*description of the effect of the initiative or referendum if the initiative or referendum is approved by the*”.

Amend section 1, page 2, line 8, by deleting:

“*at the top of*” and inserting “*on*”.

Amend section 1, page 2, lines 11 and 13, after “*initiative*” by inserting “*or referendum*”.

Amend section 1, page 2, line 16, by deleting “*initiative.*” and inserting:

“*initiative or referendum.*”.

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 20, after “*it*” by inserting “*or referendum*”.

Amend sec. 2, page 2, by deleting line 22 and inserting:

***“initiative or referendum, including the description required pursuant to section 1”.***

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 24, after ***“initiative”*** by inserting ***“or referendum”***.

Amend sec. 2, page 3, lines 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10, after ***“initiative”*** by inserting ***“or referendum”***.

Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering sec. 3 as sec. 4 and adding a new section designated sec. 3, following sec. 2, to read as follows:

**“Sec. 3.** NRS 295.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.045 1. ~~{A copy of a petition for referendum must be placed on file in the Office of the Secretary of State before it may be presented to the registered voters for their signatures.~~

~~—2.}~~ A petition for referendum must be filed with the Secretary of State not less than 120 days before the date of the next succeeding general election.

~~{3.}~~ 2. The Secretary of State shall certify the questions to the county clerks, and they shall publish them in accordance with the provisions of law requiring county clerks to publish questions and proposed constitutional amendments which are to be submitted for popular vote.

~~{4.}~~ 3. The title of the statute or resolution must be set out on the ballot, and the question printed upon the ballot for the information of the voters must be as follows: “Shall the statute (setting out its title) be approved?”

~~{5.}~~ 4. Where a mechanical voting system is used, the title of the statute must appear on the list of offices and candidates and the statements of measures to be voted on and may be condensed to no more than 25 words.

~~{6.}~~ 5. The votes cast upon the question must be counted and canvassed as the votes for state officers are counted and canvassed.”.

Amend sec. 3, page 3, by deleting line 17 and inserting:

***“or referendum required pursuant to section 1 of this act may be challenged by”.***

Amend sec. 3, page 3, line 28, by deleting “5” and inserting “[5] 7”.

Amend sec. 3, page 3, line 30, by deleting “filed with” and inserting:

***“~~filed with~~ certified as sufficient”.***

Amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

***“AN ACT relating to elections; limiting petitions for initiative or referendum to one subject;***

***requiring a petition for initiative or referendum to include a description of the effect of the initiative or referendum if approved by the voters; requiring the Secretary of State to obtain under certain circumstances a fiscal note from the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau; requiring the Secretary of State to post a copy of the petition for initiative or referendum, the description of the effect if the initiative or referendum is approved by the voters and any fiscal note on his Internet website; requiring a challenge to the description of the effect of an initiative or a referendum to be filed not later than 30 days after a copy of the petition is placed on file with the Secretary of State; amending the timeframe for challenging the legal sufficiency of a petition for initiative or referendum; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.”.***

**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative  
Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:**

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires that each bill enacted by the Legislature must address only one subject and matters properly connected with the subject. (Nev. Const., Art. 4, § 17) Existing law requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations prescribing the form of an initiative petition and the requirements concerning the signatures on the petition. A copy of an initiative petition must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State before it is presented to the voters for their signatures. (NRS 295.015-295.061) Existing law provides that the legal sufficiency of a petition for referendum or initiative may be challenged by filing a complaint in district court not later than 5 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after the petition is filed with the Secretary of State. (NRS 295.061)

This bill requires a petition for initiative or referendum, like legislation, to address only one subject and matters necessarily connected with that subject. A petition for initiative or referendum must include an explanation of the effect of the petition if approved by the voters.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to consult with the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau in order to determine whether the initiative or referendum will have a financial impact on the state or local governments if approved by the voters. If the initiative or referendum will have a financial impact on the state or local governments if approved by the voters, the Fiscal Analysis Division must prepare a fiscal note.

This bill provides that the description of a petition for initiative or referendum may be challenged by filing a complaint in the First Judicial District Court not later than 30 days after a copy of the

petition is placed on file with the Secretary of State prior to the petition being distributed for signatures. This bill also provides that the legal sufficiency of a petition may be challenged by filing a complaint in district court not later than 7 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after the petition is filed with the Secretary of State.