

Amendment No. CA45

First Conference Committee Amendment to Senate Bill No. 224 Second Reprint (BDR 24-698)

Proposed by: First Conference Committee**Amendment Box:****Resolves Conflicts with:** N/A**Amends:** Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No

Amend section 1, pages 2 and 3, by deleting lines 28 and 29 on page 2 and lines 1 through 12 on page 3, and inserting:

“3. ~~[A]~~ *Not later than 3 working days after the date of the decision that aggrieved the person,*
a person aggrieved by a decision made by a public officer or employee pursuant to subsection 1 *or 2*
 may appeal the decision to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall review the decision to
 determine whether the public officer or employee ~~[designated a reasonable area as required by]~~
violated subsection 1 ~~1~~
~~—4.—The]~~ *or 2. If the Secretary of State determines a public officer or employee violated*
subsection 1 or 2, the Secretary of State shall order that the deadline for filing the petition
provided pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.165, 293.172, 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or
306.110 be extended for a period equal to the time that the person was denied the use of a public
building for the purpose of gathering signatures on a petition.”.

Amend sec. 2, page 3, by deleting lines 28 through 37 and inserting:

“**Sec. 2.** NRS 293.12757 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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S.B. No. 224—Makes various changes relating to elections.



293.12757 A person may sign a petition required under the election laws of this State on or after the date he is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 293.517 or subsection ~~5~~ 7 of NRS 293.5235.”.

Amend the bill as a whole by adding a new section designated sec. 2.5, following sec. 2, to read as follows:

“**Sec. 2.5.** NRS 293.5235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5235 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, a person may register to vote by mailing an application to register to vote to the county clerk of the county in which he resides. The county clerk shall, upon request, mail an application to register to vote to an applicant. The county clerk shall make the applications available at various public places in the county. An application to register to vote may be used to correct information in the registrar of voters’ register.

2. An application to register to vote which is mailed to an applicant by the county clerk or made available to the public at various locations or voter registration agencies in the county may be returned to the county clerk by mail or in person. For the purposes of this section, an application which is personally delivered to the county clerk shall be deemed to have been returned by mail.

3. The applicant must complete the application, including, without limitation, checking the boxes described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection ~~9~~ 10 and signing the application.

4. The county clerk shall, upon receipt of an application, determine whether the application is complete.

5. If he determines that the application is complete, he shall, within 10 days after he receives the application, mail to the applicant:

(a) A notice informing him that he is registered to vote and a voter registration card as required by subsection 6 of NRS 293.517; or

(b) A notice informing him that the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.

~~[→ The applicant shall be deemed to be registered or to have corrected the information in the register as of the date the application is postmarked or personally delivered.]~~

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of NRS 293.518, if the county clerk determines that the application is not complete, he shall, as soon as possible, mail a notice to the applicant informing him that additional information is required to complete the application. If the applicant provides the information requested by the county clerk within 15 days after the county clerk mails the notice, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after he receives the information, mail to the applicant:

(a) A notice informing him that he is registered to vote and a voter registration card as required by subsection 6 of NRS 293.517; or

(b) A notice informing him that the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.

↪ ~~[The applicant shall be deemed to be registered or to have corrected the information in the register as of the date the application is postmarked or personally delivered.]~~ If the applicant does not provide the additional information within the prescribed period, the application is void.

7. *The applicant shall be deemed to be registered or to have corrected the information in the register:*

(a) If the application is received by the county clerk or postmarked not more than 3 working days after the applicant completed the application, on the date the applicant completed the application; or

(b) If the application is received by the county clerk or postmarked more than 3 working days after the applicant completed the application, on the date the application is received by the county clerk.

8. If the applicant fails to check the box described in paragraph (b) of subsection ~~9.1~~ 10, the application shall not be considered invalid and the county clerk shall provide a means for the applicant to correct the omission at the time the applicant appears to vote in person at his assigned polling place.

~~8.1~~ 9. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form for an application to register to vote by mail which must be used to register to vote by mail in this State.

~~9.1~~ 10. The application to register to vote by mail must include:

(a) A notice in at least 10-point type which states:

NOTICE: You are urged to return your application to register to vote to the County Clerk in person or by mail. If you choose to give your completed application to another person to return to the County Clerk on your behalf, and the person fails to deliver the application to the County Clerk, you will not be registered to vote. Please retain the duplicate copy or receipt from your application to register to vote.

(b) The question, “Are you a citizen of the United States?” and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant is a citizen of the United States.

(c) The question, “Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day?” and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant will be at least 18 years of age or older on election day.

(d) A statement instructing the applicant not to complete the application if the applicant checked “no” in response to the question set forth in paragraph (b) or (c).

(e) A statement informing the applicant that if the application is submitted by mail and the applicant is registering to vote for the first time, the applicant must submit the information set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.2725 to avoid the requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 upon voting for the first time.

~~10.~~ **11.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of NRS 293.518, the county clerk shall not register a person to vote pursuant to this section unless that person has provided all of the information required by the application.

~~11.~~ **12.** The county clerk shall mail, by postcard, the notices required pursuant to subsections 5 and 6. If the postcard is returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service because the address is fictitious or the person does not live at that address, the county clerk shall attempt to determine whether the person’s current residence is other than that indicated on his application to register to vote in the manner set forth in NRS 293.530.

~~12.~~ **13.** A person who, by mail, registers to vote pursuant to this section may be assisted in completing the application to register to vote by any other person. The application must include the

mailing address and signature of the person who assisted the applicant. The failure to provide the information required by this subsection will not result in the application being deemed incomplete.

~~{13.}~~ **14.** An application to register to vote must be made available to all persons, regardless of political party affiliation.

~~{14.}~~ **15.** An application must not be altered or otherwise defaced after the applicant has completed and signed it. An application must be mailed or delivered in person to the office of the county clerk within 10 days after it is completed.

~~{15.}~~ **16.** A person who willfully violates any of the provisions of subsection ~~{12, 13 or}~~ **13**, 14 *or 15* is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

~~{16.}~~ **17.** The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.”.

Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sections 3 and 4 and adding:

“**Secs. 3 and 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)”.

Amend sec. 5, page 4, by deleting lines 20 through 31 and inserting:

“**Sec. 5.** Chapter 294A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A nonprofit corporation shall, before it engages in any of the following activities in this State, submit the names, addresses and telephone numbers of its officers to the Secretary of State:

(a) Soliciting or receiving contributions from any other person, group or entity;

(b) Making contributions to candidates or other persons; or

(c) Making expenditures,

↪ *designed to affect the outcome of any primary, general or special election or question on the ballot.*

2. The Secretary of State shall include on his Internet website the information submitted pursuant to subsection 1.”.

Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sections 6 through 11 and adding:

“Secs. 6-11. (Deleted by amendment.)”.

Amend sec. 12, pages 8 through 11, by deleting lines 11 through 45 on page 8, lines 1 through 44 on page 9, lines 1 through 45 on page 10 and lines 1 through 20 on page 11, and inserting:

“Sec. 12. NRS 294A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.150 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election *and every person or group of persons who initiates or circulates a petition for a constitutional amendment or a petition for a statewide measure proposed by an initiative or a referendum and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to support such initiation or circulation* shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during that period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons:

(a) Each year in which an election or city election is held for each question for which the person or group advocates passage or defeat ~~or~~ *or each year in which a person or group receives or expends money in excess of \$10,000 to support the initiation or circulation of a petition for a constitutional amendment or a petition for a statewide measure proposed by an initiative or a referendum;* and

(b) The year after each year described in paragraph (a).

2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;

(b) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election; and

(c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through June 30 of that year,

→ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.

4. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. *Every person or group of persons who initiates or circulates a petition for a constitutional amendment or a petition for a statewide measure proposed by an initiative or a referendum and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to support such initiation or circulation shall*

comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election; and

(b) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election,

↪ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the date that the question qualified for the ballot through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,
↪ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

6. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall report each of the contributions received on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

7. The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed with:

(a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;

(b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or

(c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.

8. A person may mail or transmit his report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer:

(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or

(b) On the date that it was received by the officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

9. If the person or group of persons is advocating passage or defeat of a group of questions ~~and~~ *or is receiving or expending money to support a group of petitions for constitutional amendments,*

a group of petitions for statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum or a group of petitions for both constitutional amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum, the reports must be itemized by question ~~[-]~~ *or petition*.

10. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.”.

Amend sec. 13, pages 11 through 14, by deleting lines 21 through 45 on page 11, lines 1 through 45 on page 12, lines 1 through 45 on page 13 and lines 1 through 28 on page 14, and inserting:

“**Sec. 13.** NRS 294A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.220 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election *and every person or group of persons who initiates or circulates a petition for a constitutional amendment or a petition for a statewide measure proposed by an initiative or a referendum and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to support such initiation or circulation* shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person or group of persons:

(a) Each year in which an election or city election is held for a question for which the person or group advocates passage or defeat ~~or~~ *or each year in which a person or group of persons receives or expends money in excess of \$10,000 to support the initiation or circulation of a petition for a constitutional amendment or a petition for a statewide measure proposed by an initiative or a referendum;* and

(b) The year after each year described in paragraph (a).

2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election;

(b) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election; and

(c) July 15 of the year of the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the general election or general city election through the June 30 immediately preceding that July 15,

↪ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

3. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. *Every person or group of persons who initiates or circulates a petition for a constitutional amendment or a petition for a statewide measure proposed by an initiative or a referendum and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to support such initiation or circulation shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.* A person or group of persons described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the primary election or primary city election; and

(b) Seven days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 11 days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 days before the general election or general city election,

↪ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the date the question qualified for the ballot through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election, ↪ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury.

5. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election to determine

whether a public officer will be recalled shall list each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.

7. The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed with:

(a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;

(b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or

(c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.

8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of questions ~~or~~ *or a group of petitions for constitutional amendments, a group of petitions for statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum or a group of petitions for both constitutional amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum*, the reports must be itemized by question ~~or~~ *or petition*. A

person may mail or transmit his report to the appropriate filing officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the filing officer:

(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or

(b) On the date that it was received by the filing officer if the report was sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after he receives the report.”

Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sections 15 through 19 and adding:

“**Secs. 15-19.** (Deleted by amendment.)”.

Amend sec. 20, page 18, by deleting lines 10 and 11 and inserting:

“**Sec. 20.** Chapter 295 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Each petition for initiative or referendum must:

(a) Embrace but one subject and matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto; and

(b) Set forth, in not more than 200 words, a description of the effect of the initiative or referendum if the initiative or referendum is approved by the voters. The description must appear on each signature page of the petition.

2. For the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection 1, a petition for initiative or referendum embraces but one subject and matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto, if the parts of the proposed initiative or referendum are functionally related and germane to each

other in a way that provides sufficient notice of the general subject of, and of the interests likely to be affected by, the proposed initiative or referendum.”.

Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sections 21 and 22 and adding:

“**Secs. 21 and 22.** (Deleted by amendment.)”.

Amend sec. 23, pages 19 and 20, by deleting lines 8 through 45 on page 19 and lines 1 through 6 on page 20, and inserting:

“**Sec. 23.** NRS 295.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.015 ~~[A copy of]~~

1. Before a petition for initiative ~~[must be placed on file in the Office of the Secretary of State before it]~~ or referendum may be presented to the registered voters for their signatures ~~[]~~, a copy of the petition for initiative or referendum, including the description required pursuant to section 20 of this act, must be placed on file with the Secretary of State.

2. Upon receipt of a petition for initiative or referendum placed on file pursuant to subsection 1, the Secretary of State shall consult with the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to determine if the initiative or referendum may have any anticipated financial effect on the State or local governments if the initiative or referendum is approved by the voters. If the Fiscal Analysis Division determines that the initiative or referendum may have an anticipated financial effect on the State or local governments if the initiative or referendum is approved by the voters, the Division must prepare a fiscal note that includes an explanation of any such effect.

3. Not later than 10 business days after the Secretary of State receives a petition for initiative or referendum filed pursuant to subsection 1, the Secretary of State shall post a copy of the

petition, including the description required pursuant to section 20 of this act and any fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection 2, on his Internet website.”.

Amend sec. 25, pages 20 and 21, by deleting lines 29 through 45 on page 20 and lines 1 through 5 on page 21, and inserting:

“**Sec. 25.** NRS 295.061 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.061 *1. The description of the effect of an initiative or referendum required pursuant to section 20 of this act may be challenged by filing a complaint in the First Judicial District Court not later than 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after a copy of the petition is initially placed on file with the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 295.015. All affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed with the complaint. The court shall set the matter for hearing not later than 30 days after the complaint is filed and shall give priority to such a complaint over all criminal proceedings.*

2. The legal sufficiency of a petition ~~[filed pursuant to NRS 295.015 to 295.061, inclusive,]~~ for initiative or referendum may be challenged by filing a complaint in district court not later than ~~[5]~~ 7 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after the petition is ~~[filed with]~~ certified as sufficient by the Secretary of State. All affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed with the complaint. The court shall set the matter for hearing not later than 30 days after the complaint is filed and shall give priority to such a complaint over all other matters pending with the court, except for criminal proceedings.”.

Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sec. 27 and adding:

“**Sec. 27.** (Deleted by amendment.)”.

Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sec. 34 and adding:

“Sec. 34. (Deleted by amendment.)”.

Amend sec. 37, page 31, by deleting lines 33 through 44 and inserting:

“6. If the council of a city whose population is 10,000 or more fails to appoint a committee as required pursuant to this section, the city clerk shall ~~[appoint the committee.]~~, *in consultation with the city attorney, prepare an argument advocating approval by the voters of the initiative, referendum or other question and an argument opposing approval by the voters of the initiative, referendum or other question. Each argument prepared by the city clerk must satisfy the requirements of paragraph (f) of subsection 7 and any rules or regulations adopted by the city clerk pursuant to subsection 8. The city clerk shall not prepare the rebuttal of the arguments required pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 7.*”.

Amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

“AN ACT relating to elections; revising the provision governing eligibility to sign a petition required under the election laws of this State; revising the provision governing the designation of an area at a public building for the gathering of signatures on a petition; requiring nonprofit corporations to submit the names, telephone numbers and addresses of their officers to the Secretary of State under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons or groups of persons initiating or circulating a petition for a constitutional amendment or a petition for a statewide measure proposed by initiative or referendum to submit reports to the Secretary of State on campaign contributions and expenditures and expenses; requiring a petition for initiative or referendum to embrace a single subject; providing that the subject of a petition for initiative or referendum must be indicated in the title; requiring a petition for initiative or referendum to have 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 initiative petition, the description of the effect if the initiative 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 to be filed not later than 7 days after the petition is certified as sufficient by the Secretary of State; revising the provisions relating to a petition for initiative or referendum by registered voters of a city or county; providing for the appeal of certain final decisions relating to a petition for an initiative or referendum by filing a complaint in court; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.”.