ARKANSAS SENATE

95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025 Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 188

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING INITIATIVE PETITIONS AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS; AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC POSTING OF STATEWIDE INITIATIVE PETITIONS AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 188

Amend Senate Bill 188 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Ray

AND

Page 2, delete lines 7 through 13, and substitute the following:

"(e)(1) After a proposed measure has been certified by the Attorney General, within five (5) business days of soliciting or otherwise gathering signatures for a proposed measure, the sponsor shall provide the following information to the Secretary of State:

(A) The full text of the proposed measure;

(B) The certified ballot title for the proposed measure;

(C) The certified popular name for the proposed measure;

and

(D) The letter from the Attorney General certifying the proposed measure."

AND

Page 2, line 15, delete "<u>subdivision (e)(1)</u>" and substitute "<u>subdivision</u> (e)(1)(A)-(C)"

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AND

Page 2, line 19, delete "subdivision (e)(1)" and substitute "subdivision
(e)(1)(A)-(C)"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 22 through 25, and substitute the following: "(C) The Secretary of State may remove the information provided under subdivision (e)(l)(A)-(C) of this section from the Secretary of State's website if:

(i) The proposed measure fails to qualify for the ballot for lack of signatures; (ii) The sponsor of the proposed measure is not

actively obtaining signatures for the proposed measure and requests that the Secretary of State remove the information from the Secretary of State's website;

(iii) The proposed measure has been removed from the

<u>ballot</u> by:

(a) The Arkansas Supreme Court; or

(b) An Arkansas circuit court and the time for

filing the notice of appeal has expired; or

(iv) The Secretary of State independently determines that the language submitted by the sponsor does not accurately reflect a proposed measure certified by the Attorney General or that is actively being circulated for signatures to the people of Arkansas."

AND

Page 3, delete line 1, and substitute the following: "manner that would not be misleading.

(g) If the Secretary of State independently determines that a proposed measure is actively being circulated for signatures to the people of Arkansas and the sponsor has not submitted the information required under subdivision (e)(1) of this section to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may obtain the information from the Attorney General and post the information required under subdivision (e)(1)(A)-(C) of this section on the Secretary of State's website.

(h) If the sponsor of a proposed measure fails to comply with this section, that failure shall not contribute in any way to a determination by the Secretary of State that the proposed measure, or any individual signature submitted to the Secretary of State in connection with the proposed measure, is insufficient for any reason."

AND

Page 3, line 2, delete "(f)(g)" and substitute "(f)(i)"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and By: Senator C. Tucker SSS151/SSS - 02-14-2025 03:39:06 SSS151

Secretary