

HB 695 -- Joint Committee on Ballot Statements

Sponsor: Davis

This bill establishes the Joint Committee on Ballot Statements to prepare and review ballot summary statements for all initiative petitions and referendums submitted to voters by either the General Assembly or the initiative petition process.

The 10-member committee will consist of five members appointed by the President Pro Tem and the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate and five members appointed by the Speaker and the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives. The requirements for committee membership are specified in the bill. A majority of the members of the committee will be required to approve a ballot statement. Subject to appropriations, the committee may be staffed by legislative personnel; and the committee members will not receive compensation for their duties but may be reimbursed for actual expenses.