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SENATE BILL 10-216

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ORDER IN WHICH STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES
102 APPEAR ON A BALLOT.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.>)

Currently, statewide ballot measures are required to appear in the following order on a ballot: Initiated amendments to the state constitution, referred amendments, initiated propositions to change the Colorado Revised Statutes, and referred propositions.

The bill switches the order of referred and initiated measures,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

while keeping the order of amendments and propositions. Accordingly, beginning with the 2010 general election, the order of statewide ballot measures will be: Referred amendments, initiated amendments, referred propositions, and initiated propositions.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 1-5-407 (5) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1-5-407. Form of ballots.** (5) (a) Whenever the approval of a
5 ballot issue or ballot question is submitted to the vote of the people, the
6 ballot issue or question shall be printed upon the ballot following the lists
7 of candidates. Except as otherwise provided in section 32-9-119.3 (2),
8 C.R.S., ~~initiated~~ REFERRED amendments shall be printed first, followed
9 by ~~referred~~ INITIATED amendments, ~~initiated~~ REFERRED propositions,
10 ~~referred~~ INITIATED propositions, county issues and questions, municipal
11 issues and questions, school district issues and questions, ballot issues and
12 questions for other political subdivisions which are in more than one
13 county, and then ballot issues and questions for other political
14 subdivisions which are wholly within a county.

15 **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act shall apply to elections held
16 on or after the effective date of this act.

17 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.