

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 491

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO STATEMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS;
2 AMENDING SECTION 67-453, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF
3 STATE SHALL CAUSE TO BE PRINTED IN THE VOTERS' PAMPHLET THE ARGUMENTS
4 FOR AND AGAINST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PREPARED BY THE LEGISLATIVE
5 COUNCIL AND THE QUESTION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT; AND DECLARING AN
6 EMERGENCY.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 67-453, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 67-453. STATEMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. (1)
12 Whenever the legislature shall have directed the submission of a proposal to
13 amend the constitution of the state of Idaho to the electors, the legislative
14 council shall, not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date
15 of the election at which the proposed amendment will be submitted to the
16 people, prepare and file with the secretary of state a dossier containing the
17 following:

18 (a) A brief statement setting forth in simple, understandable language
19 the meaning and purpose of the proposed amendment and the result to be
20 accomplished by such amendment. The statement shall be included in the
21 publications of the proposed amendment required by law of the secretary
22 of state, and shall be printed on the official ballot by which such
23 proposed amendment is submitted to the electors; and

24 (b) A concise presentation of the major arguments advanced by the
25 proponents and opponents of the proposed amendment designed to
26 represent as fairly as possible the arguments relative to the proposed
27 amendment. In preparing such arguments, the legislative council may
28 seek the advice and suggestions of known supporters and opponents or
29 any other persons or groups and may, in its sole discretion, use any of
30 the suggested arguments. If any such suggestions are utilized by the
31 legislative council, no recognition shall be given to the persons or
32 groups which submitted the argument. The arguments shall be published
33 in the publications required by law of the secretary of state, but shall
34 not appear on the ballot by which such proposed amendment is submitted
35 to the electors.

36 (2) The secretary of state shall cause to be printed in ~~either~~ the
37 voters' pamphlet pursuant to section 34-1812C, Idaho Code, ~~or in a pamphlet~~
38 ~~similar to the voters' pamphlet,~~ the arguments prepared pursuant to
39 subsection (1) of this section and the question that will be on the general
40 election ballot.

1 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
3 passage and approval.