

## **SENATE BILL No. 222**

DIGEST OF SB 222 (Updated February 20, 2017 10:13 am - DI 84)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Constitutional amendment ballot language. Prescribes the ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendment concerning the state budget.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

# Hershman

January 4, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

February 2, 2017, amended; reassigned to Committee on Elections.

February 20, 2017, reported favorably — Do Pass.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

### SENATE BILL No. 222

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017] (a) The amendment to
the Constitution of the State of Indiana, amending Article 10
Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, agreed to by
the One Hundred Twentieth General Assembly (Senate Join
Resolution 7-2017) and the One Hundred Nineteenth Genera
Assembly (P.L.259-2015) shall be submitted to the electors o
Indiana at the 2018 general election in the manner provided for the
submission of constitutional amendments under IC 3.

- (b) Under Article 16, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, which requires the general assembly to submit constitutional amendments to the electors at the next general election after the general assembly agrees to the amendment referred to it by the last previously elected general assembly, and in accordance with IC 3-10-3, the general assembly prescribes the form in which the public question concerning the ratification of this state constitutional amendment must appear on the 2018 general election ballot as follows:
  - "Public Question #1



Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended by amending Article 10, Section 5 to provide that: (1) the amount of the appropriations enacted in a biennial budget may not exceed the estimated revenue of the State in the biennial budget period; (2) the State budget must appropriate for the State's prefunded pension funds the amount necessary to actuarially fund the accrued liability of all such pension funds during the budget period; (3) if expenses exceed actual revenue received by the State when reconciled at the close of a biennial budget period, the subsequent biennial budget must subtract any shortfall from the projected revenue available for that subsequent biennial budget; (4) any of the foregoing provisions may be suspended if at least two-thirds of the members of each of the houses of the General Assembly vote to suspend the provision; and (5) the remedies a court may order are restricted if it finds a violation of the amended constitutional section?"



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#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 222, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning elections.

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Elections.

(Reference is to SB 222 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 222, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 222 as printed February 3, 2017.)

WALKER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

