

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2138

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PIETZMAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 116.180, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to ballot language.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 116.180, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 116.180, to read as follows:

116.180. **1.** Within three days after receiving the official summary statement the approved fiscal note summary and the fiscal note relating to any statewide ballot measure, the secretary of state shall certify the official ballot title in separate paragraphs with the fiscal note summary immediately following the summary statement of the measure and shall deliver a copy of the official ballot title and the fiscal note to the speaker of the house or the president pro tem of the legislative chamber that originated the measure or, in the case of initiative or referendum petitions, to the person whose name and address are designated under section 116.332. Persons circulating the petition shall affix the official ballot title to each page of the petition prior to circulation and signatures shall not be counted if the official ballot title is not affixed to the page containing such signatures.

2. The official summary statement shall be written in plain language easily understood by an individual with a sixth-grade reading level.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.