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Ballot Proposition Requirements

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

5 This bill, contingent on passage of a proposed constitutional amendment, amends the

6 publication requirement for a future proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot

7 question.

8 Highlighted Provisions:

9 This bill:

10 • contingent on passage of a proposed constitutional amendment, amends the publication

requirement for a future proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot question.

12 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

14 Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

16 Utah Code Sections Affected:

17 AMENDS:

20A-7-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 465

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- 20 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
- 21 Section 1. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:

22 **20A-7-103**. Constitutional amendments and other questions submitted by the

23 Legislature -- Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures for submission to popular vote.

- 24 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a
- proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.
- 26 (2) The lieutenant governor shall, not more than 60 days or less than 14 days before the
- 27 date of the election, publish the full text of the amendment, question, or statute for the
- 28 state, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, through the date of the election.]:
- 29 (a) for a proposed constitutional amendment, in accordance with Utah Constitution,
- Article XXIII, Section 1, publish the entire text of the proposed constitutional

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31	amendment for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as	
32	a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102; or	
33	(b) for a question other than a proposed constitutional amendment, publish the question	
34	for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as a class A	
35	notice under Section 63G-30-102.	
36	(3) The presiding officers shall:	
37	(a) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment" and	
38	assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the requirements	
39	of Section 20A-6-107;	
40	(b) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number" with the number assigned to	
41	the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;	
42	(c) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question submitted	
43	by the Legislature that:	
44	(i) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and	
45	(ii) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that is	
46	enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed	
47	constitutional amendment; and	
48	(d) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.	
4 9	(4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each	
50	amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 days before	
51	the date of the election.	
52	(5) The county clerk of each county shall:	
53	(a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question	
54	prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and	
55	official ballots; and	
56	(b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.	
57	Section 2. Effective Date.	
58	This bill takes effect January 1, 2027, if the amendment to the Utah Constitution	
59	proposed by H.J.R. 10, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Publication Amendments, 2025	
60	General Session, passes the Legislature and is approved by a majority of those voting on it at	
61	the next regular general election.	