

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 491

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATEMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS;
AMENDING SECTION 67-453, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF
STATE SHALL CAUSE TO BE PRINTED IN THE VOTERS' PAMPHLET THE ARGUMENTS
FOR AND AGAINST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PREPARED BY THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL AND THE QUESTION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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

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

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

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

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