

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 11-0527  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Court  
 Sen. Carroll

**Date:** January 18, 2011  
**Bill Status:** House SVMA  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING AN INFORMATIVE STATEMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET PRECEDING EACH MEASURE THAT IS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2011-2012</b>	<b>FY 2012-2013</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
Cash Funds		
Ballot Information Publication and Distribution Revolving Fund		<\$5,000
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires that each analysis in the ballot information booklet (Blue Book) published by Legislative Council Staff contain language about who is responsible for placing the measure on the ballot and who drafted the ballot title and text of the measure.

For *referred measures*, the required statement would inform readers that the ballot title and text of the measure were drafted by professional legal staff of the General Assembly and referred to voters by a vote of the General Assembly. For *initiated measures*, the statement would describe that the ballot title was drafted by professional staff of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the General Assembly and that the text of the measure was drafted by the proponents of the initiative, who collected signatures to place the measure on the ballot.

**State Expenditures**

The bill is expected to increase costs to the Legislative Council by less than \$5,000 in FY 2012-13 for the 2012 general election. Adding required language to the analysis of each measure will likely increase the number of pages in the Blue Book, which will increase costs for printing and

postage. However, the exact increase in pages depends on the number of measures on the ballot and the extent to which formatting the text of each measure can fit the required language on a minimal number of pages. Any additional costs will be paid from Ballot Information Publication and Distribution Revolving Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the Legislative Council.

**Departments Contacted**

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