

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Court
 Sen. Carroll

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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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.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Ballot Information Publication and Distribution Revolving Fund		<\$5,000
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 17, 2011.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: 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 how the ballot measure was placed on the ballot and how the ballot title and text of the measure were drafted.

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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