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SENATE BILL **112**

AN ACT relative to voters' guides for proposed constitutional amendments.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bragdon, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Rules, Enrolled Bills and Internal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a legislative constitutional amendment concurrent resolution (CACR) or a constitutional convention resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall have the text of the language for the voter's guide, if any, included as part of the resolution.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 231:1 Constitutional Amendments; Voter's Guides. Amend RSA 663:3-a to read as follows:

2 663:3-a Voter's Guides.

3 **I.** If the general court proposes the constitutional amendment, ***the text of the statement***
4 ***for the voter's guide, if any, shall be included in the resolution proposing the constitutional***
5 ***amendment.*** The joint committee on legislative facilities may authorize the printing ***or***
6 ***distribution*** of [a] ***the*** voter's guide. [~~Distribution of the voter's guide shall not take place until its~~
7 ~~text has been reviewed and approved by the house and senate policy committees which considered~~
8 ~~the proposed constitutional amendment.~~]

9 ***II.*** ***If the constitutional convention proposes the constitutional amendment, the text***
10 ***of the statement for the voter's guide, if any, shall be included in the resolution proposing***
11 ***the constitutional amendment.***

12 231:2 Constitutional Amendment; Form of Ballot. Amend RSA 663:3 to read as follows:

13 663:3 Form of Ballot. The following words shall be printed above the constitutional amendment
14 questions on all ballots containing such questions: "Questions Relating to Constitutional
15 Amendments Proposed by the Convention to Revise the Constitution" ***or*** "***Questions Relating to***
16 ***Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the Legislature to Revise the Constitution,***"
17 ***whichever is appropriate.*** A constitutional question shall include, in the text of the question, the
18 text of the article of the constitution as it is proposed to be amended, and the results of the vote
19 taken on ordering the proposed amendment to third reading in both the senate and the house of
20 representatives or at the constitutional convention, whichever is appropriate.

21 231:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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23 Approved: July 15, 2013

24 Effective Date: September 13, 2013