

**Ballot Proposition Amendments**  
**2025 GENERAL SESSION**  
**STATE OF UTAH**  
**Chief Sponsor: Angela Romero**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions in the Election Code relating to certain ballot propositions.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▸ requires the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to prepare:

- an impartial ballot title and analysis for a proposed constitutional amendment or another question submitted by the Legislature; and
- an impartial analysis of a statewide initiative or referendum.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**20A-7-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 3

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

**20A-7-702**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 465

**20A-7-703**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 465

**20A-7-703.1**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 465

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **20A-7-101** is amended to read:

**20A-7-101 . Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Approved device" means a device described in Subsection 20A-21-201(4) used to gather signatures for the electronic initiative process, the electronic referendum process, or the electronic candidate qualification process.
- (2) "Budget officer" means:

- 32 (a) for a county, the person designated as finance officer as defined in Section 17-36-3;  
33 (b) for a city, the person designated as budget officer in Subsection 10-6-106(4); or  
34 (c) for a town, the town council.
- 35 (3) "Certified" means that the county clerk has acknowledged a signature as being the  
36 signature of a registered voter.
- 37 (4) "Circulation" means the process of submitting an initiative petition or a referendum  
38 petition to legal voters for their signature.
- 39 (5) "Electronic initiative process" means:  
40 (a) as it relates to a statewide initiative, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-215  
41 and 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures; or  
42 (b) as it relates to a local initiative, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-514 and  
43 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures.
- 44 (6) "Electronic referendum process" means:  
45 (a) as it relates to a statewide referendum, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-313  
46 and 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures; or  
47 (b) as it relates to a local referendum, the process, described in Sections 20A-7-614 and  
48 20A-21-201, for gathering signatures.
- 49 (7) "Eligible voter" means a legal voter who resides in the jurisdiction of the county, city, or  
50 town that is holding an election on a ballot proposition.
- 51 (8) "Final fiscal impact statement" means a financial statement prepared after voters  
52 approve an initiative that contains the information required by Subsection 20A-7-202.5  
53 (2) or 20A-7-502.5(2).
- 54 (9) "Initial fiscal impact statement" means a financial statement prepared under Section  
55 20A-7-202.5 after the filing of a statewide initiative application.
- 56 (10) "Initial fiscal impact and legal statement" means a financial and legal statement  
57 prepared under Section 20A-7-502.5 or 20A-7-602.5 for a local initiative or a local  
58 referendum.
- 59 (11) "Initiative" means a new law proposed for adoption by the public as provided in this  
60 chapter.
- 61 (12) "Initiative application" means:  
62 (a) for a statewide initiative, an application described in Subsection 20A-7-202(2) that  
63 includes all the information, statements, documents, and notarized signatures  
64 required under Subsection 20A-7-202(2); or  
65 (b) for a local initiative, an application described in Subsection 20A-7-502(2) that

- 66 includes all the information, statements, documents, and notarized signatures  
67 required under Subsection 20A-7-502(2).
- 68 (13) "Initiative packet" means a copy of the initiative petition, a copy of the proposed law,  
69 and the signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.
- 70 (14) "Initiative petition":
- 71 (a) as it relates to a statewide initiative, using the manual initiative process:
- 72 (i) means the form described in Subsection 20A-7-203(2)(a), petitioning for  
73 submission of the initiative to the Legislature or the legal voters; and
- 74 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, includes the statement described in  
75 Subsection 20A-7-203(2)(b);
- 76 (b) as it relates to a statewide initiative, using the electronic initiative process:
- 77 (i) means the form described in Subsections 20A-7-215(2) and (3), petitioning for  
78 submission of the initiative to the Legislature or the legal voters; and
- 79 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, includes the statement described in  
80 Subsection 20A-7-215(5)(b);
- 81 (c) as it relates to a local initiative, using the manual initiative process:
- 82 (i) means the form described in Subsection 20A-7-503(2)(a), petitioning for  
83 submission of the initiative to the legislative body or the legal voters; and
- 84 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, includes the statement described in  
85 Subsection 20A-7-503(2)(b); or
- 86 (d) as it relates to a local initiative, using the electronic initiative process:
- 87 (i) means the form described in Subsection 20A-7-514(2)(a), petitioning for  
88 submission of the initiative to the legislative body or the legal voters; and
- 89 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, includes the statement described in  
90 Subsection 20A-7-514(4)(a).
- 91 (15)(a) "Land use law" means a law of general applicability, enacted based on the  
92 weighing of broad, competing policy considerations, that relates to the use of land,  
93 including land use regulation, a general plan, a land use development code, an  
94 annexation ordinance, the rezoning of a single property or multiple properties, or a  
95 comprehensive zoning ordinance or resolution.
- 96 (b) "Land use law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section 10-9a-103  
97 or 17-27a-103.
- 98 (16) "Legal signatures" means the number of signatures of legal voters that:
- 99 (a) meet the numerical requirements of this chapter; and

- 100 (b) have been obtained, certified, and verified as provided in this chapter.
- 101 (17) "Legal voter" means an individual who is registered to vote in Utah.
- 102 (18) "Legally referable to voters" means:
- 103 (a) for a proposed local initiative, that the proposed local initiative is legally referable to
- 104 voters under Section 20A-7-502.7; or
- 105 (b) for a proposed local referendum, that the proposed local referendum is legally
- 106 referable to voters under Section 20A-7-602.7.
- 107 (19) "Local attorney" means the county attorney, city attorney, or town attorney in whose
- 108 jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.
- 109 (20) "Local clerk" means the county clerk, city recorder, or town clerk in whose jurisdiction
- 110 a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.
- 111 (21)(a) "Local law" includes:
- 112 (i) an ordinance;
- 113 (ii) a resolution;
- 114 (iii) a land use law;
- 115 (iv) a land use regulation, as defined in Section 10-9a-103; or
- 116 (v) other legislative action of a local legislative body.
- 117 (b) "Local law" does not include a land use decision, as defined in Section 10-9a-103.
- 118 (22) "Local legislative body" means the legislative body of a county, city, or town.
- 119 (23) "Local obligation law" means a local law passed by the local legislative body
- 120 regarding a bond that was approved by a majority of qualified voters in an election.
- 121 (24) "Local tax law" means a law, passed by a political subdivision with an annual or
- 122 biannual calendar fiscal year, that increases a tax or imposes a new tax.
- 123 (25) "Manual initiative process" means the process for gathering signatures for an initiative
- 124 using paper signature packets that a signer physically signs.
- 125 (26) "Manual referendum process" means the process for gathering signatures for a
- 126 referendum using paper signature packets that a signer physically signs.
- 127 (27)(a) "Measure" means a proposed constitutional amendment, an initiative, or
- 128 referendum.
- 129 (b) "Measure" does not include a ballot proposition for the creation of a new school
- 130 district under Section 53G-3-301.1, 53G-3-301.3, or 53G-3-301.4.
- 131 [~~(28) "Presiding officers" means the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House~~
- 132 ~~of Representatives.]~~
- 133 [~~(29)~~ (28) "Referendum" means a process by which a law passed by the Legislature or by a

134 local legislative body is submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection.

135 [~~(30)~~] (29) "Referendum application" means:

136 (a) for a statewide referendum, an application described in Subsection 20A-7-302(2) that

137 includes all the information, statements, documents, and notarized signatures

138 required under Subsection 20A-7-302(2); or

139 (b) for a local referendum, an application described in Subsection 20A-7-602(2) that

140 includes all the information, statements, documents, and notarized signatures

141 required under Subsection 20A-7-602(2).

142 [~~(31)~~] (30) "Referendum packet" means a copy of the referendum petition, a copy of the law

143 being submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection, and the signature

144 sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.

145 [~~(32)~~] (31) "Referendum petition" means:

146 (a) as it relates to a statewide referendum, using the manual referendum process, the

147 form described in Subsection 20A-7-303(2)(a), petitioning for submission of a law

148 passed by the Legislature to legal voters for their approval or rejection;

149 (b) as it relates to a statewide referendum, using the electronic referendum process, the

150 form described in Subsection 20A-7-313(2), petitioning for submission of a law

151 passed by the Legislature to legal voters for their approval or rejection;

152 (c) as it relates to a local referendum, using the manual referendum process, the form

153 described in Subsection 20A-7-603(2)(a), petitioning for submission of a local law to

154 legal voters for their approval or rejection; or

155 (d) as it relates to a local referendum, using the electronic referendum process, the form

156 described in Subsection 20A-7-614(2), petitioning for submission of a local law to

157 legal voters for their approval or rejection.

158 [~~(33)~~] (32) "Signature":

159 (a) for a statewide initiative:

160 (i) as it relates to the electronic initiative process, means an electronic signature

161 collected under Section 20A-7-215 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or

162 (ii) as it relates to the manual initiative process:

163 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet

164 described in Section 20A-7-203;

165 (B) as it relates to an individual who, due to a qualifying disability under the

166 Americans with Disabilities Act, is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to

167 sign the voter's name consistently, the initials "AV," indicating that the voter's

- 168 identity will be verified by an alternate verification process described in  
169 Section 20A-7-106; and
- 170 (C) does not include an electronic signature;
- 171 (b) for a statewide referendum:
- 172 (i) as it relates to the electronic referendum process, means an electronic signature  
173 collected under Section 20A-7-313 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or
- 174 (ii) as it relates to the manual referendum process:
- 175 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet  
176 described in Section 20A-7-303;
- 177 (B) as it relates to an individual who, due to a qualifying disability under the  
178 Americans with Disabilities Act, is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to  
179 sign the voter's name consistently, the initials "AV," indicating that the voter's  
180 identity will be verified by an alternate verification process described in  
181 Section 20A-7-106; and
- 182 (C) does not include an electronic signature;
- 183 (c) for a local initiative:
- 184 (i) as it relates to the electronic initiative process, means an electronic signature  
185 collected under Section 20A-7-514 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or
- 186 (ii) as it relates to the manual initiative process:
- 187 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet  
188 described in Section 20A-7-503;
- 189 (B) as it relates to an individual who, due to a qualifying disability under the  
190 Americans with Disabilities Act, is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to  
191 sign the voter's name consistently, the initials "AV," indicating that the voter's  
192 identity will be verified by an alternate verification process described in  
193 Section 20A-7-106; and
- 194 (C) does not include an electronic signature; or
- 195 (d) for a local referendum:
- 196 (i) as it relates to the electronic referendum process, means an electronic signature  
197 collected under Section 20A-7-614 and Subsection 20A-21-201(6)(c); or
- 198 (ii) as it relates to the manual referendum process:
- 199 (A) means a holographic signature collected physically on a signature sheet  
200 described in Section 20A-7-603;
- 201 (B) as it relates to an individual who, due to a qualifying disability under the

202 Americans with Disabilities Act, is unable to fill out the signature sheet or to  
 203 sign the voter's name consistently, the initials "AV," indicating that the voter's  
 204 identity will be verified by an alternate verification process described in  
 205 Section 20A-7-106; and

206 (C) does not include an electronic signature.

207 [(34)] (33) "Signature sheets" means sheets in the form required by this chapter that are used  
 208 under the manual initiative process or the manual referendum process to collect  
 209 signatures in support of an initiative or referendum.

210 [(35)] (34) "Special local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition that is not a  
 211 standard local ballot proposition.

212 [(36)] (35) "Sponsors" means the legal voters who support the initiative or referendum and  
 213 who sign the initiative application or referendum application.

214 [(37)] (36)(a) "Standard local ballot proposition" means a local ballot proposition for an  
 215 initiative or a referendum.

216 (b) "Standard local ballot proposition" does not include a property tax referendum  
 217 described in Section 20A-7-613.

218 [(38)] (37) "Tax percentage difference" means the difference between the tax rate proposed  
 219 by an initiative or an initiative petition and the current tax rate.

220 [(39)] (38) "Tax percentage increase" means a number calculated by dividing the tax  
 221 percentage difference by the current tax rate and rounding the result to the nearest  
 222 thousandth.

223 [(40)] (39) "Verified" means acknowledged by the person circulating the petition as required  
 224 in Section 20A-7-105.

225 Section 2. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:

226 **20A-7-103 . Constitutional amendments and other questions submitted by the**  
 227 **Legislature -- Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures for submission to popular vote.**

228 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a  
 229 proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.

230 (2) The lieutenant governor shall, not more than 60 days or less than 14 days before the  
 231 date of the election, publish the full text of the amendment, question, or statute for the  
 232 state, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, through the date of the election.

233 (3) The [~~presiding officers~~] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

234 (a) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment \_\_\_" and  
 235 assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the requirements

- 236 of Section 20A-6-107;
- 237 (b) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number assigned to  
 238 the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;
- 239 (c) draft and designate [a] an impartial ballot title for each proposed amendment or  
 240 question submitted by the Legislature that:
- 241 (i) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and  
 242 (ii) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that is  
 243 enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed  
 244 constitutional amendment; and
- 245 (d) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.
- 246 (4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each  
 247 amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 days before  
 248 the date of the election.
- 249 (5) The county clerk of each county shall:
- 250 (a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question  
 251 prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and  
 252 official ballots; and
- 253 (b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.
- 254 Section 3. Section **20A-7-702** is amended to read:
- 255 **20A-7-702 . Voter information pamphlet -- Form -- Contents.**
- 256 The voter information pamphlet shall contain the following items in this order:
- 257 (1) a cover title page;
- 258 (2) an introduction to the pamphlet by the lieutenant governor;
- 259 (3) a table of contents;
- 260 (4) a list of all candidates for constitutional offices;
- 261 (5) a list of candidates for each legislative district;
- 262 (6) a 100-word statement of qualifications for each candidate for the office of governor,  
 263 lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, or state treasurer, if submitted by the  
 264 candidate to the lieutenant governor's office before 5 p.m. on the first business day in  
 265 August before the date of the election;
- 266 (7) information pertaining to all measures to be submitted to the voters, beginning a new  
 267 page for each measure and containing, in the following order for each measure:
- 268 (a) a copy of the number and ballot title of the measure;
- 269 (b) the final vote cast by the Legislature on the measure if it is a measure submitted by



- 270 the Legislature or by referendum;
- 271 (c)[~~(i) for a measure other than a measure described in Section 20A-7-103,~~]the
- 272 impartial analysis of the measure prepared by the Office of Legislative Research
- 273 and General Counsel;~~[-or]~~
- 274 [~~(ii) for a measure described in Section 20A-7-103, the analysis of the measure~~
- 275 ~~prepared by the presiding officers;~~]
- 276 (d) the arguments in favor of the measure, the rebuttal to the arguments in favor of the
- 277 measure, the arguments against the measure, and the rebuttal to the arguments against
- 278 the measure, with the name and title of the authors at the end of each argument or
- 279 rebuttal;
- 280 (e) for each constitutional amendment, a complete copy of the text of the constitutional
- 281 amendment, with all new language underlined, and all deleted language placed within
- 282 brackets;
- 283 (f) for each initiative qualified for the ballot:
- 284 (i) a copy of the initiative as certified by the lieutenant governor and a copy of the
- 285 initial fiscal impact statement prepared according to Section 20A-7-202.5; and
- 286 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in bold type:
- 287 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
- 288 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
- 289 increase in the current tax rate."; and
- 290 (g) for each referendum qualified for the ballot, a complete copy of the text of the law
- 291 being submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection, with all new language
- 292 underlined and all deleted language placed within brackets, as applicable;
- 293 (8) a description provided by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission of the
- 294 selection and retention process for judges, including, in the following order:
- 295 (a) a description of the judicial selection process;
- 296 (b) a description of the judicial performance evaluation process;
- 297 (c) a description of the judicial retention election process;
- 298 (d) a list of the criteria of the judicial performance evaluation and the certification
- 299 standards;
- 300 (e) the names of the judges standing for retention election; and
- 301 (f) for each judge:
- 302 (i) a list of the counties in which the judge is subject to retention election;
- 303 (ii) a short biography of professional qualifications and a recent photograph;

- 304 (iii) a narrative concerning the judge's performance;
- 305 (iv) for each certification standard under Section 78A-12-205, a statement identifying  
306 whether, under Section 78A-12-205, the judge met the standard and, if not, the  
307 manner in which the judge failed to meet the standard;
- 308 (v) a statement that the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission:
- 309 (A) has determined that the judge meets or exceeds minimum performance  
310 standards;
- 311 (B) has determined that the judge does not meet or exceed minimum performance  
312 standards; or
- 313 (C) has not made a determination regarding whether the judge meets or exceeds  
314 minimum performance standards;
- 315 (vi) any statement, described in Subsection 78A-12-206(3)(b), provided by a judge  
316 whom the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission determines does not meet  
317 or exceed minimum performance standards;
- 318 (vii) in a bar graph, the average of responses to each survey category, displayed with  
319 an identification of the minimum acceptable score as set by Section 78A-12-205  
320 and the average score of all judges of the same court level; and
- 321 (viii) a website address that contains the Judicial Performance Evaluation  
322 Commission's report on the judge's performance evaluation;
- 323 (9) for each judge, a statement provided by the Utah Supreme Court identifying the  
324 cumulative number of informal reprimands, when consented to by the judge in  
325 accordance with Title 78A, Chapter 11, Judicial Conduct Commission, formal  
326 reprimands, and all orders of censure and suspension issued by the Utah Supreme Court  
327 under Utah Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13, during the judge's current term and the  
328 immediately preceding term, and a detailed summary of the supporting reasons for each  
329 violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct that the judge has received;
- 330 (10) an explanation of ballot marking procedures prepared by the lieutenant governor,  
331 indicating the ballot marking procedure used by each county and explaining how to  
332 mark the ballot for each procedure;
- 333 (11) voter registration information, including information on how to obtain a ballot;
- 334 (12) a list of all county clerks' offices and phone numbers;
- 335 (13) the address of the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website, with a statement  
336 indicating that the election officer will post on the website any changes to the location of  
337 a polling place and the location of any additional polling place;

338 (14) a phone number that a voter may call to obtain information regarding the location of a  
 339 polling place; and

340 (15) on the back cover page, a printed copy of the following statement signed by the lieutenant  
 341 governor:

342 "I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), Lieutenant Governor of Utah, certify that the  
 343 measures contained in this pamphlet will be submitted to the voters of Utah at the election to  
 344 be held throughout the state on \_\_\_\_ (date of election), and that this pamphlet is complete and  
 345 correct according to law.

346 SEAL

347 Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Salt Lake City, Utah this \_\_\_\_ day  
 348 of \_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_ (year)

349 (signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
 350 Lieutenant Governor".

351 Section 4. Section **20A-7-703** is amended to read:

352 **20A-7-703 . Analysis of initiative or referendum -- Determination of fiscal effects.**

353 (1) The director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, after the  
 354 approval of the legislative general counsel as to legal sufficiency, shall:

355 (a) prepare an impartial analysis of each measure submitted to the voters by the  
 356 Legislature or by initiative or referendum petition; and

357 (b) submit the impartial analysis to the lieutenant governor no later than the day that  
 358 falls 90 days before the date of the election in which the measure will appear on the  
 359 ballot.

360 (2) The director shall ensure that the impartial analysis:

361 (a) is not more than 1,000 words long;

362 (b) is prepared in clear and concise language that will easily be understood by the  
 363 average voter;

364 (c) avoids the use of technical terms as much as possible;

365 (d) shows the effect of the measure on existing law;

366 (e) identifies any potential conflicts with the United States or Utah Constitutions raised  
 367 by the measure;

368 (f) fairly describes the operation of the measure;

369 (g) identifies the measure's fiscal effects over the time period or time periods determined  
 370 by the director to be most useful in understanding the estimated fiscal impact of the  
 371 proposed law; and

372 (h) identifies the amount of any increase or decrease in revenue or cost to state or local  
373 government.

374 (3)(a) In determining the fiscal effects of a measure, the director shall confer with the  
375 legislative fiscal analyst.

376 (b) The director shall consider any measure that requires implementing legislation in  
377 order to take effect to have no financial effect, unless implementing legislation has  
378 been enacted that will become effective upon adoption of the measure by the voters.

379 (4) If the director requests the assistance of any state department, agency, or official in  
380 preparing the director's analysis, that department, agency, or official shall assist the  
381 director.

382 Section 5. Section **20A-7-703.1** is amended to read:

383 **20A-7-703.1 . Analysis of measure submitted to voters by Legislature --**

384 **Determination of fiscal effects.**

385 (1) The [~~presiding officers~~] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall:

386 (a) prepare an impartial analysis of each measure, described in Section 20A-7-103, that  
387 is submitted to the voters by the Legislature; and

388 (b) submit the impartial analysis to the lieutenant governor no later than the day that  
389 falls 90 days before the date of the election in which the measure will appear on the  
390 ballot.

391 (2) The [~~presiding officers~~] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall ensure  
392 that the analysis:

393 (a) is not more than 1,000 words long;

394 (b) is prepared in clear and concise language that will easily be understood by the  
395 average voter;

396 (c) to the extent possible, avoids the use of technical terms;

397 (d) shows the effect of the measure on existing law;

398 (e) describes the measure;

399 (f) identifies the measure's fiscal effects over the time period or time periods determined  
400 by the presiding officers to be most useful in understanding the estimated fiscal  
401 impact of the measure; and

402 (g) identifies the amount of any increase or decrease in revenue or cost to state or local  
403 government.

404 (3) The [~~presiding officers~~] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall  
405 analyze the measure as the measure is proposed to be adopted, without considering any

406 implementing legislation, unless the implementing legislation has been enacted and will  
407 become effective upon the adoption of the measure by the voters.

408 (4)(a) In determining the fiscal effects of a measure, the [~~presiding officers~~] Office of  
409 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall confer with the legislative fiscal  
410 analyst.

411 (b) The [~~presiding officers~~] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall  
412 consider any measure that requires implementing legislation in order to take effect to  
413 have no financial effect, unless implementing legislation has been enacted that will  
414 become effective upon adoption of the measure by the voters.

415 (5) If the [~~presiding officers request~~] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel  
416 requests the assistance of any state department, agency, or official in preparing the  
417 analysis described in this section, that department, agency, or official shall assist the [  
418 ~~presiding officers~~] Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

419 Section 1. **Effective Date.**

420 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.