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By Goodlette & others

Linked Bills: None

Tied Bills: Identical SB 68-E, 1st ENG.

Committee(s)/Council(s) of Reference: Referred to House Calendar

The bill requires the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) to complete a fiscal impact analysis on any citizen initiative within 45 days of receipt from the Secretary of State. It also allows proponents and opponents an opportunity to submit information to the REC for consideration.

The REC must prepare a fiscal impact statement of no more than 50 words to be included on the ballot at the general election. The statement may include a range of figures (example - \$8 to \$12 billion). If the REC is unable to reach consensus a statement shall be placed on the ballot that says the fiscal impact “cannot be reasonably determined at this time.”

A fiscal impact statement must also be prepared for other constitutional amendments no later than 80 days before the general election. This will allow sufficient time for supervisors of elections to prepare their ballots.

Beginning July 1, 2003, the Florida Supreme Court shall include in its review of the ballot title and summary, a review of fiscal impact statements for clarity and compliance with the 50-word limit. Non-compliant fiscal impact statements must be redrafted by the REC within 15 days of remand by the Supreme Court.

Subject to the Governor’s veto powers, the effective date of this bill is upon becoming law.
