

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB112

Bill as Introduced

SB 112 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0966
10/04

SENATE BILL **112**

AN ACT requiring constitutional amendment concurrent resolutions to contain the language for the voter's guide.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bragdon, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Rules, Enrolled Bills and Internal Affairs

ANALYSIS

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

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT requiring constitutional amendment concurrent resolutions to contain the language for the voter's guide.

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

- 1 1 Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the General Court; Voter's Guide. Amend
2 RSA 663:3-a to read as follows:
3 663:3-a Voter's Guides. If the general court proposes the constitutional amendment, ***the text of***
4 ***the statement for the voter's guide, if any, shall be included in the resolution proposing the***
5 ***constitutional amendment.*** The joint committee on legislative facilities may authorize the
6 printing ***or distribution*** of [a] ***the*** voter's guide. [~~Distribution of the voter's guide shall not take~~
7 ~~place until its text has been reviewed and approved by the house and senate policy committees which~~
8 ~~considered the proposed constitutional amendment.~~]
9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

SB 112 – AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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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

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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

663:3-a Voter's Guides.

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER 231
SB 112 - FINAL VERSION

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COMMITTEE: Rules, Enrolled Bills and Internal Affairs

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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

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

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Rules, Enrolled Bills & Internal Affairs

Senator Russell Prescott Chairman
 Senator Peter Bragdon V Chairman
 Senator Jeb Bradley
 Senator Molly Kelly
 Senator Martha Fuller Clark

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Date: January 31, 2013

HEARINGS

Wednesday

2/6/2013

Rules, Enrolled Bills & Internal Affairs

SH 100

2:00 PM

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Comments: 2:00pm introduction of late bills.

2:15 PM SB112 requiring constitutional amendment concurrent resolutions to contain the language for the voter's guide.

Sponsors:

SB112

Sen. Peter Bragdon

**SENATE
RULES, ENROLLED BILLS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Jennifer Horgan, Legislative Aide

SB 112 – requiring constitutional amendment concurrent resolutions to contain the language for the voter's guide.

Hearing Date: February 6, 2013

Time Opened: 2:00pm

Time Closed: 2:04pm

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Prescott, Bragdon, Bradley, Kelly, Fuller Clark

Members of the Committee Absent: No one

Bill Analysis: This bill provides that a constitutional amendment concurrent resolution (CACR) shall have the text of the language for the voter's guide, if any, as part of the CACR.

Sponsors: Sen. Bragdon, Dist 11

Who supports the bill: Senator Bragdon

Who opposes the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Bragdon:

- When a CACR passes, the language that is created for the Voter's Guide, per current statute, is determined by two policy committees of the House and the Senate. It would be more appropriate for that language to be approved by the entire body and not simply a select few. Therefore, this bill would necessitate that the language for the Voter's Guide be included in the proposed CACR.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

- None

Fiscal Note: N/A

Future Action: The Committee took the bill under advisement.

JCH

Date hearing report completed: 02/06/2013

[file: SB112 report]

Speakers

Senate Rules, Enrolled Bills and Internal Affairs Committee: Sign-In Sheet

Date: 02/06/2013

Time: 2:15 PM Public Hearing on SB 112

SB112 requiring constitutional amendment concurrent resolutions to contain the language for the voter's guide.

Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
Senator Peter Bragdon	District #11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: February 6, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON Rules, Enrolled Bills and Internal Affairs
to which was referred Senate Bill 112

AN ACT requiring constitutional amendment concurrent
 resolutions to contain the language for the voter's guide.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Jeb E. Bradley
For the Committee

Jennifer Horgan 271-3091

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of SB112

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to voters' guides for proposed constitutional amendments.*Official Docket of SB112:*

Date	Body	Description
1/3/2013	S	Introduced and Referred to Rules, Enrolled Bills and Internal Affairs; SJ 4
1/31/2013	S	Hearing: 2/6/13, Room 100, SH, 2:15 p.m.; SC7
2/14/2013	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 2/14/13; SC8
2/14/2013	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 5
3/27/2013	H	Introduced and Referred to Election Law; HJ31 , PG.1074
4/9/2013	H	Public Hearing: 4/16/2013 10:30 AM LOB 308
4/19/2013	H	Subcommittee Work Session: 4/24/2013 1:00 PM LOB 308
4/24/2013	H	Subcommittee Work Session: 4/30/2013 10:30 AM LOB 308
5/14/2013	H	Executive Session: 5/28/2013 10:00 AM LOB 308
5/28/2013	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #1408h(NT) for June 5 (Vote 14-0; CC); HC42 , PG.1427
5/28/2013	H	Proposed Committee Amendment #2013-1408h (New Title); HC42 , PG.1451-1452
6/5/2013	H	Amendment #1408h(NT): AA VV; HJ49 , PG.1567
6/5/2013	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment #1408h(NT): MA VV; HJ49 , PG.1567
6/12/2013	S	Sen. Precott Moved Concur with House Amendment #1408h, NT, MA, VV
6/26/2013	H	Enrolled
6/26/2013	S	Enrolled
7/16/2013	S	Signed by the Governor on 07/15/2013; Chapter 0231; Effective 09/13/2013

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

SB112 ORIGINAL REFERRAL _____ RE-REFERRAL

1. THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE.
2. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLDER FOLLOWING THE INVENTORY IN THE ORDER LISTED.
3. THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "X" BESIDE THEM ARE CONFIRMED AS BEING IN THE FOLDER.
4. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.

DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)

COMMITTEE REPORT

CALENDAR NOTICE

HEARING REPORT

_____ HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING

_____ PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS

SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

_____ - AMENDMENT # _____ _____ - AMENDMENT # _____
_____ - AMENDMENT # _____ _____ - AMENDMENT # _____

ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE
 FINAL VERSION _____ AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

_____ OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): _____

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK 7/30/13


BY COMMITTEE AIDE