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Commissioner .
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Floor: 2B/WD .
04/16/2018 04:00 PM .
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Commissioner Plymale moved the following:

1 **CRC Amendment to Substitute Amendment (333990) (with ballot**
2 **and title amendments)**

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4 Before line 139
5 insert:

6 Section 5 of Article VI of the State Constitution is
7 amended to read:

8 ARTICLE VI
9 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

10 SECTION 5. Primary, general, and special elections.—

11 (a) A general election shall be held in each county on the



12 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-
13 numbered year to choose a successor to each elective state and
14 county officer whose term will expire before the next general
15 election and, except as provided herein, to fill each vacancy in
16 elective office for the unexpired portion of the term. A general
17 election may be suspended or delayed due to a state of emergency
18 or impending emergency pursuant to general law. Special
19 elections and referenda shall be held as provided by law.

20 (b) If all candidates for an office have the same party
21 affiliation and the winner will have either no opposition in the
22 general election, or opposition only from one or more write-in
23 candidates, then all qualified electors, regardless of party
24 affiliation, may vote in the primary elections for that office.

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26 ===== B A L L O T S T A T E M E N T A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

28 Delete lines 162 - 171

29 and insert:

30 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

31 ARTICLE II, SECTION 8

32 ARTICLE V, SECTION 13

33 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5

34 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

35 LOBBYING AND ABUSE OF OFFICE BY PUBLIC OFFICERS; PRIMARY
36 ELECTIONS.—The amendment expands restrictions on lobbying for
37 compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on
38 lobbying for compensation by currently serving public officers;
39 provides exceptions; prohibits certain abuses of public office
40 for personal benefit. The amendment also provides that all



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41 voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in a partisan
42 primary election if winner of the primary election will face no
43 opposition or only opposition from write-in candidate(s) in the
44 general election.

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46 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

47 And the title is amended as follows:

48 Delete line 185

49 and insert:

50 bodies and abuse of office and to amend Section 5 of
51 Article VI of the State Constitution to authorize all
52 qualified electors, regardless of party affiliation,
53 to vote in a partisan primary election for an office
54 if all the candidates for the office have the same
55 party affiliation and the winner will be opposed only
56 by one or more write-in candidates in the general
57 election.