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Commissioner Plymale moved the following:

CRC Amendment (with ballot and title amendments)

Before line 140

insert:

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

ARTICLE VI

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

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

(a) A general election shall be held in each county on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-



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

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

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

26 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

27 Delete lines 157 - 165

28 and insert:

29 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

30 ARTICLE II, SECTION 8

31 ARTICLE V, SECTION 13

32 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5

33 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

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



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41 primary election if winner of the primary election will face no
42 opposition or only opposition from a write-in candidate in the
43 general election.

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

46 And the title is amended as follows:

47 Delete line 10

48 and insert:

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