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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Constitution Revision Commission; repealing s. 286.035, F.S., relating to the Constitution Revision Commission, the powers of the chair, and assistance by state and local agencies; amending ss. 101.161 and 112.3215, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing a contingent effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 101.161 Referenda; ballots.—

(1) Whenever a constitutional amendment or other public measure is submitted to the vote of the people, a ballot summary of such amendment or other public measure shall be printed in clear and unambiguous language on the ballot after the list of candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote will indicate approval of the proposal and a "no" vote will indicate rejection. The ballot summary of the amendment or other public measure and the ballot title to appear on the ballot shall be embodied in the constitutional revision commission proposal, constitutional convention proposal, taxation and

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budget reform commission proposal, or enabling resolution or ordinance. The ballot summary of the amendment or other public measure shall be an explanatory statement, not exceeding 75 words in length, of the chief purpose of the measure. In addition, for every amendment proposed by initiative, the ballot shall include, following the ballot summary, a separate financial impact statement concerning the measure prepared by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference in accordance with s. 100.371(5). The ballot title shall consist of a caption, not exceeding 15 words in length, by which the measure is commonly referred to or spoken of. This subsection does not apply to constitutional amendments or revisions proposed by joint resolution.

Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (1) of section 112.3215, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting; investigation by commission.—
 - (1) For the purposes of this section:
- (a) "Agency" means the Governor, Governor and Cabinet, or any department, division, bureau, board, commission, or authority of the executive branch. In addition, "agency" shall mean the Constitution Revision Commission as provided by s. 2, Art. XI of the State Constitution.
 - (f) "Lobbies" means seeking, on behalf of another person,

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to influence an agency with respect to a decision of the agency in the area of policy or procurement or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of an agency official or employee. "Lobbies" also means influencing or attempting to influence, on behalf of another, the Constitution Revision Commission's action or nonaction through oral or written communication or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a member or employee of the Constitution Revision Commission.

Section 3. Section 286.035, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect on the effective

date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR

301 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State

Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose.