

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 4, 2025

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to language used in a proposed amendment, proposition or question to be submitted to the people for their approval; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 4-108 of the election law, as
2 amended by chapter 648 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 2. The form in which the proposed amendment, proposition or question
5 is to be submitted shall consist only of the following: a. a descriptive
6 title of up to fifteen words, which describes the topic, goal, or
7 outcome of the ballot question in plain language; b. a summary of the
8 text ballot proposal of up to thirty words, written in plain language,
9 that describes the change in policy to be adopted and not the legal
10 mechanism; and c. a statement of what a YES or NO vote means in up to
11 thirty words written in plain language that identifies the practical
12 outcome of each election result and not the legal mechanism. The text of
13 the amendment, proposition or question to be submitted to the people for
14 their approval pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall be
15 included in the text of the legislation proposing such amendment, propo-
16 sition or question. The text of such proposed amendment, proposition or
17 question to be submitted to the people for their approval shall not be
18 altered without the approval of the legislature. If more than one such
19 amendment, proposition or question is to be voted upon at such election,
20 each such amendment, proposition or question respectively shall be sepa-
21 rately and consecutively numbered.
22 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 4-108 of the election law is REPEALED.
23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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