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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 537

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 537 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 12-5 and by adding Section 28-8.2 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/12-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 12-5)

7 Sec. 12-5. Notice for public questions. For all elections
8 held after July 1, 1999, notice of public questions shall be
9 required only as set forth in this Section and Section 28-8.2
10 of this Code or ~~as set forth~~ in Section 17-3 or 19-3 of the
11 School Code. Not more than 60 ~~30~~ days nor less than 40 ~~10~~ days
12 before the date of a regular election at which a public
13 question is to be submitted to the voters of a political or
14 governmental subdivision, and at least 20 days before an
15 emergency referendum, the election authority shall publish
16 notice of the referendum. The notice shall be published once in

1 a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the
2 political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be
3 given at least 10 days before the date of the election by
4 posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the
5 election authority. The local election official shall also post
6 a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political
7 or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office
8 at the building in which the governing body of the political or
9 governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar
10 year in which the referendum is being held. The election
11 authority and the political or governmental subdivision may,
12 but are not required to, post the notice electronically on
13 their World Wide Web pages. The notice, which shall appear over
14 the name or title of the election authority, shall be
15 substantially in the following form:

16 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the election to be held
17 on (insert day of the week), (insert date of election), the
18 following proposition will be submitted to the voters of
19 (name of political or governmental subdivision):
20 (insert the public question as it will appear on the
21 ballot)

22 The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock
23 A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M.
24 of that day.

25 Dated (date of notice)

26 (Name or title of the election authority)

1 The notice shall also include any additional information
2 required by the statute authorizing the public question and
3 Section 28-8.2 of this Code. The notice may include an
4 explanation, in neutral and plain language, of the question and
5 its purposes supplied by the governing body of the political or
6 governmental subdivision to whose voters the question is to be
7 submitted. The notice shall set forth the precincts and polling
8 places at which the referendum will be conducted only in the
9 case of emergency referenda.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-6, eff. 6-7-01; 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/28-8.2 new)

12 Sec. 28-8.2. Revenue referenda disclosure.

13 (a) For purposes of this Section, "revenue referenda" means
14 referenda by a unit of local government, including a school
15 district, seeking to impose or increase a retailers' occupation
16 tax, a use tax, a service occupation tax, a service use tax, or
17 a property tax, or regarding the issuance of bonds.

18 (b) Revenue referenda shall contain the following
19 information:

20 (1) the amount of the new or increased tax or bond;

21 (2) the amount that this proposed imposition or
22 increase will impact the unit of local government's current
23 taxes or bonds;

24 (3) if a bond, the projected life of the bond and the
25 estimated amounts of principal, interest, and total debt

1 service; and

2 (4) an example of the impact the new property tax or
3 bond is estimated to have on a family owning a residence
4 worth \$100,000, both before and after the issuance of the
5 property tax or bond.

6 (c) In addition to other notice and publication
7 requirements as may be otherwise required by law, the unit of
8 local government proposing revenue referenda shall publish the
9 referenda questions, along with the required disclosures under
10 subsection (b) of this Section, no more than 60 days nor less
11 than 40 days prior to the referenda appearing on the ballot in
12 a newspaper of general circulation published in the unit of
13 local government or school district and on the unit of local
14 government's or school district's website and community
15 newsletter, if they have one.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.".