## Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Subtitle of House Bill No. 2677

"AUTHORIZE SUPREME COURT REVIEW OF POPULAR NAMES/BALLOT TITLES ON INITIATIVE/REFERENDUM PETITIONS AFTER THE PETITIONS ARE FILED; REPEAL EXISTING LAWS PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL & REVIEW OF POPULAR NAMES/BALLOT TITLES."

Amendment No. 4 to House Bill No. 2677.

Amend House Bill No. 2677 as engrossed, H3/18/03:

Page 4, line 1, delete "<u>law</u>, and" and substitute "<u>law</u>, as the case may be, and"

AND

Page 4, delete line 36 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-9-107 is amended to read as follows:"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 12 and substitute the following:

"7-9-107. Approval of ballot titles and popular names of petitions prior to circulation - Publication Filing of original draft of petition prior to circulation.

(a)(1) Before any initiative or referendum petition ordering a vote upon any amendment or act shall be measure is circulated for obtaining signatures of petitioners, the sponsors shall submit <u>file</u> the original draft to the Attorney General, with a proposed legislative or ballot title and popular name of the petition, without signatures, with the official charged with the duty of certifying the measure to appear on the ballot.

(2) The original draft of the petition shall be filed no more than eighteen (18) months before the deadline for filing completed petitions containing signatures.

(b)(1) The Attorney General shall, within ten (10) days, approve and certify or shall substitute and certify a more suitable and correct ballot title and popular name for each amendment or act. The ballot title so submitted or supplied by the Attorney General shall briefly and concisely



state the purpose of the proposed measure. Upon the filing of completed petitions containing signatures, the official shall determine that the filed petitions conform to the original draft of the petition and that the signatures were obtained after the date of filing of the original draft of the petition.

(2) Completed petitions which do not conform to the original draft of the petition, and signatures which were obtained after the date of filing of the original draft of the petition, shall not be counted or certified."

AND

Page 7, delete lines 17 through 20

AND

Page 7, line 21, delete "(d)(c)" and substitute "(d)(b)"

The Amendment was read \_ By: Representative Mahony LDH/MHF - 032820030809 MHF488

**Chief Clerk**