

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 556**  
**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 116.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to labeling of ballot measures.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 116.220, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 116.225, to read as follows:

**116.225. The election authority for any political subdivision or special district of this state shall label ballot measures of any type that are submitted to a vote of the people alphabetically in the order in which they are submitted by petition, ordinance, vote of a political subdivision or special district, or other method authorized by law. The secretary of state shall label statutory initiative and referendum measures with the letters A through I. Local election authorities shall label county ballot measures with the letters J through R, and local ballot measures with the letters S through Z. The election authority shall label the first ballot measure in each category with the first letter in the sequence designated for that category, and so on consecutively through the last letter designated for the category, and then begin labeling with the first letter for the category followed by an "A" and so on. A new series of letters shall be started after each election. In the event that a ballot measure of any type involves multiple jurisdictions, then it shall be labeled with a numeral beginning with the number one. Such ballot measures shall be numbered consecutively based upon the time of notice of the ballot measure to the requisite election authority. Election authorities may coordinate with each other, or with the secretary of state, to maintain a database or other record to facilitate numerical assignment. A new series of numbers shall be started after each election. In the event a measure is labeled prior to, but**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **not voted on at, the next succeeding election, the letter or number assigned to such measure**  
19 **shall not be reassigned until after such measure has been voted on by the people.**

2 ~~[116.220. The secretary of state shall label statutory initiative and~~  
3 ~~referendum measures alphabetically in the order in which they are submitted by~~  
4 ~~petition or in the order in which they are passed by the general assembly. The~~  
5 ~~secretary of state shall label the first as "Proposition A", and so on consecutively~~  
6 ~~through the letter Z, and then begin labeling as "Proposition AA" and so on. A~~  
7 ~~new series of letters shall be started after each general election. In the event a~~  
8 ~~measure is labeled prior to, but not voted on at, the next succeeding general~~  
9 ~~election, the letter assigned to such measure shall not be reassigned until after~~  
~~such measure has been voted on by the people.]~~

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