

HB 684 -- BALLOT SUMMARY STATEMENT

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This bill provides that a court does not have the authority to edit the summary statement or ballot language of any ballot measure proposed by the General Assembly.

If the summary statement or ballot language is challenged in court and found to be legally flawed, the General Assembly must rewrite the statement. If this ruling is made at a time when the General Assembly is not in session, the Secretary of State will rewrite the statement.

This bill changes the word limit for summary statements of measures referred to the people by the General Assembly from 50 words to 150 words.

This bill is the same as HB 1608 (2022) and HB 391 (2023).