Referendum Clarity

Understanding Your Vote

"Referendum" means a law passed by the Legislature or by a local legislative body that is being submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection.

Current Provisions*

☐ **For** (In favor of preventing the law from taking effect)

☐ **Against** (Against preventing the law from taking effect)

Key - a "successful" referendum effort prevents a law from taking effect

* "Voters desiring to vote in favor of preventing the law that is the subject of the referendum from taking effect shall mark the square adjacent to the word "For," and ...

{Voters} desiring to vote against preventing the law that is the subject of the referendum petition from taking effect shall mark the square adjacent to the word "Against.""

Subsection 20A-7-309(2) Utah Code; As amended by S.B. 27 "Election Law Changes" (2009 General Session)

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Alternate Approach

"Referendum" means a law passed by the Legislature or by a local legislative body that is being submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection.

Potential Change*

☐ **For** (In favor of allowing the law to take effect)

☐ **Against** (Against allowing the law to take effect)

Potential Key - the vote should be about whether the law is good or bad

* "Voters desiring to vote in favor of [preventing] allowing the law that is the subject of the referendum [from taking] to take effect shall mark the square adjacent to the word "For," and ...

{Voters} desiring to vote against [preventing] allowing the law that is the subject of the referendum petition [from taking] to take effect shall mark the square adjacent to the word "Against."”

Potential draft amendment to Subsection 20A-7-309(2) Utah Code

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