



General Assembly

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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5677

File No. 231

Cal. No. 219

"An Act Concerning The Duties Of Town Clerks."

1 After line 482, insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 9-369b of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize
6 the preparation and printing of concise explanatory texts of local
7 proposals or questions approved for submission to the electors of a
8 municipality at a referendum. Thereafter, each such explanatory text
9 shall be prepared by the municipal clerk, subject to the approval of the
10 municipal attorney, and shall specify the intent and purpose of each
11 such proposal or question. Such text shall not advocate either the
12 approval or disapproval of the proposal or question. The municipal
13 clerk shall cause such question or proposal and such explanatory text
14 to be printed in sufficient supply for public distribution and shall also
15 provide for the printing of such explanations of proposals or questions
16 on posters of a size to be determined by said clerk. At least three such

17 posters shall be posted at each polling place at which electors will be
18 voting on such proposals or questions. Any posters printed in excess of
19 the number required by this section to be posted may be displayed by
20 said clerk at his discretion at locations which are frequented by the
21 public. The explanatory text shall also be furnished to each absentee
22 ballot applicant pursuant to subsection (d) of section 9-140. Except as
23 provided in subsection (c) of this section, no expenditure of state or
24 municipal funds shall be made to influence any person to vote for
25 approval or disapproval of any such proposal or question. Any
26 municipality may, by vote of its legislative body and subject to the
27 approval of its municipal attorney, authorize the preparation and
28 printing of materials concerning any such proposal or question in
29 addition to the explanatory text if such materials do not advocate the
30 approval or disapproval of the proposal or question. This subsection
31 shall not apply to a written, printed or typed summary of an official's
32 views on a proposal or question, which is prepared for any news
33 medium or which is not distributed with public funds to a member of
34 the public except upon request of such member."