

BY: Senator Kittleman

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 125  
(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 2, strike “ – Prohibited Actions”; in line 3, after “of” insert “requiring a chief election official of an election authority who is determining the sufficiency of the format of a certain petition to determine the sufficiency of any summary of local legislation that is contained in the petition; requiring, under certain circumstances, the chief election official to provide the sponsor of a petition with an explanation of the reasons for a certain determination.”; in line 5, strike “prohibited actions relating to”; in line 8, after “Section” insert “6-202 and”; and after line 13, insert:

“6-202.

(a) The format of the petition prepared by a sponsor may be submitted to the chief election official of the appropriate election authority, in advance of filing the petition, for a determination of its sufficiency.

**(B) (1) WHEN DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION OF A PETITION THAT SEEKS TO PLACE A QUESTION REGARDING LOCAL LEGISLATION ON A BALLOT, THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL OF THE APPROPRIATE ELECTION AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE THE SUFFICIENCY OF ANY SUMMARY OF THE LOCAL LEGISLATION THAT IS CONTAINED IN THE PETITION.**

**(2) IF THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL OF THE APPROPRIATE ELECTION AUTHORITY DETERMINES THAT THE SUMMARY OF LOCAL LEGISLATION IS INSUFFICIENT, THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PROVIDE THE SPONSOR WITH AN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION.**

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[(b)] (C) In making the determination, the chief election official may seek the advice of the legal authority.”.