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Bill No.: SF0030  Effective: 7/1/2016

LSO No.: 16LSO-0161

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0017

Chapter No.: 34

Prime Sponsor: Management Council

Catch Title: Initiative review process.

Subject: Submission, review and approval of statewide initiative petitions

Summary/Major Elements:

- Existing law provides procedures related to the submission, review and approval of statewide initiative petitions.
- This act amends those procedures to:
  - Require every proposed bill comply with statutory requirements on the format of bills;
  - Require the Legislative Service Office (LSO) provide to the Secretary of State a template of the format required for bills;
  - Require the Secretary of State to make the template available to the public on its website;
  - Require the Secretary of State return proposed bills for revision and resubmission if they are not in compliance with format requirements;
  - Specify that conferences concerning the format or contents of proposed bills that would otherwise be required at the time the Legislature is in session be conducted within 10 days after adjournment of the session;
  - Provide for certain time extensions if conferences are delayed as a result of abatement of the conference during a legislative session;
  - Authorize the Secretary of State to deny final certification of an initiative application if the proposed bill to be initiated is not in compliance with statutory requirements on the format of bills.

Comments:
- Requires LSO to create a template for bills to be proposed by an initiative petition.