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Sponsor(s): Representatives Ogden, Romero, Rockefeller, Ruderman, Edwards and Kagi

Brief Description: Establishing the ballot measure review committee.

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Provides that, after a proposed initiative measure to the people or a proposed initiative measure to the legislature is filed with the secretary of state, but not less than ninety days before the election at which the proposed measure will appear on the ballot, the secretary of state may request an opinion as to the constitutionality of the proposed measure, by transmitting the request in writing to the attorney general. Upon receipt of such a request, the attorney general shall transmit it in writing to the ballot measure review committee created in this act without expressing an opinion on the merits of the question presented.

Provides that, if the ballot measure review committee publishes a report in which a majority of the committee finds that a proposed initiative measure would likely be held unconstitutional, a person dissatisfied with the report may seek direct review in the state supreme court by petition filed within five days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the report is transmitted to the secretary of state. A copy of the petition must be served on the secretary of state. If the petitioner is some person other than the sponsor of the proposed initiative, a copy of the petition must also be served on the sponsor.