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**ESSB 5048** - H AMD TO LG COMM AMD (5048-S.E AMH LG H2385.2) **377**

By Representative Takko

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On page 1, line 13 of the striking amendment, after "petition" strike all material through "question" on line 15 and insert "and issue a petition identification number. The ballot title must be prepared by the applicable city attorney in accordance with this section and RCW 29A.36.071, and the question posed to the voters must be written"

On page 2, after line 23 of the striking amendment, insert the following:

"**Sec.**  RCW 29A.36.071 and 2006 c 311 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided to the contrary in RCW 82.14.036, 82.46.021, or 82.80.090, the ballot title of any referendum filed on an enactment or portion of an enactment of a local government and any other question submitted to the voters of a local government consists of three elements: (a) An identification of the enacting legislative body and a statement of the subject matter; (b) a concise description of the measure; and (c) a question. The ballot title must conform with the requirements and be displayed substantially as provided under RCW 29A.72.050, except that the concise description must not exceed seventy-five words; however, a concise description submitted on behalf of a proposed or existing regional transportation investment district may exceed seventy-five words. If the local governmental unit is a city or a town, or if the ballot title is for a referendum under section 1 of this act, the concise statement shall be prepared by the city or town attorney. If the local governmental unit is a county, the concise statement shall be prepared by the prosecuting attorney of the county. If the unit is a unit of local government other than a city, town, or county, the concise statement shall be prepared by the prosecuting attorney of the county within which the majority area of the unit is located.

(2) A referendum measure on the enactment of a unit of local government shall be advertised in the manner provided for nominees for elective office.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if another provision of law specifies the ballot title for a specific type of ballot question or proposition."

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|  | EFFECT:  Requires the applicable city attorney, rather than the county auditor, to prepare ballot titles for the referendum of a city resolution or ordinance to assume jurisdiction of all or part of a water-sewer district. |

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