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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the 2 summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

6 The Department of the Secretary of State will incur some minor additional costs to monitor the combining of a referendum
 8 ballot with a state candidate election ballot or municipal election ballot. These costs can be absorbed within the
 10 department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the procedure for submitting an application for a citizen's initiative to include submission of written consent to the final language of the proposed law. This amendment also clarifies that written consent to the final language is needed for a citizen's initiative but not for a 20 people's veto referendum.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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