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Charlotte, NC – On Tuesday, legislators returned to Raleigh for a special session to address how the proposed constitutional amendments will appear on the November ballot. The Republican-led General Assembly passed House Bill 3, Ballot Designations/Referenda, despite opposition from most Democrats. House Bill 3 would require each proposed constitutional amendment to appear on the November 2018 ballot with the caption above it: "constitutional amendment." The Constitutional Amendments Publication Commission would no longer be required to prepare a short caption for use on the ballot.

Senator Joyce Waddell made the following comments in opposition of House Bill 3 on the Senate floor:

“Legislative Republicans’ only hope for passing these constitutional amendments is to shut the public out and deceive voters about the consequences of the amendments. These amendments would make it harder to vote, allow Republicans to pick their own judges and appoint their own regulators, and roll back basic checks and balances in state government,” said Senator Joyce Waddell.

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