NOTE: This bill has been prepared for the signature of the appropriate legislative officers and the Governor. To determine whether the Governor has signed the bill or taken other action on it, please consult the legislative status sheet, the legislative history, or the Session Laws.

SENATE BILL 03-036

BY SENATOR(S) Andrews, Arnold, Cairns, Chlouber, Dyer, Evans, Gordon, Groff, Grossman, Hagedorn, Hillman, Isgar, Johnson S., Jones, Keller, Lamborn, May R., McElhany, Nichol, Sandoval, Takis, Tapia, Taylor, Teck, and Tupa;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lee, Cadman, Cloer, Fairbank, Garcia, Harvey, Hefley, Sinclair, Spradley, and Stafford.

CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPLETION OF A COURSE ON CIVIL GOVERNMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 22-1-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to read:

22-1-104. Teaching of history, culture, and civil government. (3) (a) SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A COURSE ON THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF COLORADO, WHICH INCLUDES THE SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE A CONDITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(b) THE CONDITION OF GRADUATION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL APPLY ONLY TO STUDENTS ENTERING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (3).

(4) (a) IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE CIVIC PARTICIPATION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL CONVENE A COMMUNITY FORUM ON A PERIODIC BASIS, BUT NOT LESS THAN ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS, FOR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS TO DISCUSS ADOPTED CONTENT STANDARDS IN CIVICS, INCLUDING THE SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PLAN TO REEXAMINE ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE LEVELS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-407 (2).

(b) BASED UPON INPUT FROM THIS COMMUNITY FORUM, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL DETERMINE HOW THE SUBJECT AREAS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION ARE ADDRESSED WHEN ESTABLISHING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,

section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

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APPROVED_____

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Bill Owens
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO