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SENATE BILL 12-062

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Williams S.,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Looper,

Senate Committees
State, Veterans & Military Affairs
Finance

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING VOTING BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Currently, the internet-based voting pilot program fund consists of only gifts, grants, and donations, and the pilot program cannot be implemented until enough gifts, grants, and donations are received to cover the costs of the pilot program. The bill directs the state treasurer to transfer \$100,000 from the department of state cash fund to the internet-based voting pilot program fund so that the secretary of state may begin implementing the pilot program.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

Additionally, the bill allows a uniformed services elector to verbally provide a commissioned officer with the information necessary for the officer to request a mail-in ballot on behalf of the uniformed services elector.

Finally, the bill adds a veteran identification card issued by the veterans health administration within the United States department of veterans affairs to the list of acceptable forms of identification for voter registration purposes.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **add** (19.5)

3 (a) (XII) as follows:

4 **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (19.5) (a) "Identification" means:

7 (XII) A VALID VETERAN IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE
8 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS HEALTH
9 ADMINISTRATION WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR.

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5.5-101, **repeal**

11 (5) as follows:

12 **1-5.5-101. Pilot program - internet voting system - absent**
13 **uniformed services elector - secretary of state - fund - rules.**

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15 ~~(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2), and (3)~~
16 ~~of this section, the department of state shall not implement the~~
17 ~~internet-based voting system until sufficient gifts, grants, and donations~~
18 ~~are obtained to cover the costs of implementing the system.~~

19 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-8.3-108, **add** (7)

20 as follows:

21 **1-8.3-108. Methods of applying for ballot.**

1 (7) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, A
2 COVERED VOTER MAY PROVIDE TO AN OFFICER, EITHER VERBALLY OR IN
3 WRITING, THE INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE COVERED VOTER TO APPLY
4 FOR A BALLOT, AND THE OFFICER MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A
5 BALLOT ON BEHALF OF THE COVERED VOTER. A COUNTY CLERK AND
6 RECORDER SHALL ACCEPT AN UNSIGNED FEDERAL POSTCARD APPLICATION
7 OR AN UNSIGNED LETTER OF APPLICATION FOR A BALLOT THAT MEETS THE
8 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IF THE OFFICER SUBMITS WITH THE
9 APPLICATION A SIGNED STATEMENT THAT THE COVERED VOTER PROVIDED
10 TO THE OFFICER, EITHER VERBALLY OR IN WRITING, THE INFORMATION
11 REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR A BALLOT.

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13 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.