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HOUSE BILL 12-1111

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Szabo and Summers,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF IDENTIFICATION FOR
102 ELECTION-RELATED PURPOSES.

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.>)

One of the following is required to be used as identification for election-related purposes:

- ! A valid Colorado driver's license;
- ! A valid identification card issued by the department of revenue;

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.

- ! A valid United States passport;
- ! A valid employee identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by a governmental entity;
- ! A valid pilot's license issued by the federal aviation administration or other authorized federal agency;
- ! A valid United States military identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector;
- ! A valid medicare or medicaid card issued by the United States health care financing administration that has been issued to an eligible elector who is a resident of a state-licensed facility; or
- ! A valid student identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by an institution of higher education established and existing as an agency of the state of Colorado.

The following documentation is removed from the list of identification that may be used for election-related purposes:

- ! A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector;
- ! A certified copy of a birth certificate for the elector issued in the United States; and
- ! Certified documentation of naturalization.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
 3 hereby finds, determines, and declares that:

4 (a) The foundation of our political system is best served by
 5 elections that reflect the highest degree of integrity;

6 (b) It is of utmost importance to the continued health of our
 7 republic that citizens function as active voters in the political process;

8 (c) A form of photographic identification is the best and most
 9 widely accepted manner by which to verify an elector's actual identity;

10 (d) In the case of *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board*, 553
 11 U.S. 181 (2008), the United States supreme court upheld an Indiana law
 12 that required photographic identification for voting, finding that any

1 burden placed on voters by this requirement is limited and offset by the
2 legitimate state interest in protecting the integrity and reliability of the
3 electoral process by deterring voter fraud and protecting voter confidence
4 in elections; and

5 (e) By law, access to state-issued photographic identification is
6 available to senior citizens and low-income citizens.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend**
8 (19.5) (a) as follows:

9 **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context
10 otherwise requires:

11 (19.5) (a) "Identification" means:

12 (I) A valid Colorado driver's license;

13 (II) A valid identification card issued by the department of
14 revenue in accordance with ~~the requirements of~~ part 3 of article 2 of title
15 42, C.R.S.;

16 (III) A valid United States passport;

17 (IV) A valid employee identification card with a photograph of
18 the eligible elector issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of
19 the United States government or of this state, or by any county,
20 municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of this state;

21 (V) A valid pilot's license issued by the federal aviation
22 administration or other authorized agency of the United States;

23 (VI) A valid United States military identification card with a
24 photograph of the eligible elector;

25 ~~(VII) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government~~
26 ~~check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and~~
27 ~~address of the elector;~~

1 (VIII) A valid medicare or medicaid card issued by the United
2 States health care financing administration THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED TO AN
3 ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO IS A RESIDENT OF A STATE-LICENSED FACILITY; OR

4 (IX) ~~A certified copy of a birth certificate for the elector issued in~~
5 ~~the United States;~~

6 (X) ~~Certified documentation of naturalization; or~~

7 (XI) A valid student identification card with a photograph of the
8 eligible elector issued by an institution of higher education ~~in Colorado,~~
9 ~~as defined in section 23-3.1-102 (5), C.R.S.~~ ESTABLISHED AND EXISTING
10 BY LAW AS AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

11 **SECTION 3. Applicability.** The provisions of this act apply to
12 elections conducted on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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.