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HOUSE BILL 13-1147

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING** **VOTER REGISTRATION FACILITATED BY STATE**
102 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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>.)

The bill requires a state institution of higher education (institution) to provide its students, when a student registers at the institution for the first time, the opportunity to apply for voter registration as follows:

! For a student who is registering electronically at the institution and who is eligible to register to vote on-line,

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the institution must give him or her the option of registering electronically using the web site maintained by the secretary of state.

! For any student registering at the institution in person or any student ineligible to register to vote electronically, the institution must provide him or her a voter registration application. After the student completes the application, an authorized employee of the institution must forward the application to the county clerk and recorder for the county in which the student resides. The county clerk and recorder determines whether the application is complete. If so, the applicant is deemed registered. If not, the clerk and recorder must so notify the applicant.

The higher education commission and the secretary of state are directed to jointly develop a voter registration application for in-person voter registration applications.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-2-213.5 as
3 follows:

4 **1-2-213.5. State institutions of higher education - electronic**
5 **voter registration option - information to students.** (1) (a) ANY STATE
6 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-1-108 (7)
7 (g) (II), C.R.S., THAT UTILIZES AN ELECTRONIC COURSE REGISTRATION
8 PROCESS SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH STUDENT REGISTERING
9 ELECTRONICALLY FOR COURSES AT THE INSTITUTION THE OPPORTUNITY TO
10 REGISTER TO VOTE BY GIVING EACH STUDENT THE OPTION TO BE
11 ELECTRONICALLY DIRECTED TO THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE OF THE SECRETARY
12 OF STATE SO THAT HE OR SHE MAY REGISTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH
13 SECTION 1-2-202.5. THE OPTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS EITHER
14 DURING OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
15 PERIOD FOR EACH TERM OR SEMESTER.

16 (b) EACH STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SUBJECT TO

1 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL IMPLEMENT THE
2 ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION OPTION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, BUT
3 NOT LATER THAN THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE TO ITS
4 ELECTRONIC COURSE REGISTRATION SYSTEM PROCESS.

5 (2) A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT DOES NOT
6 UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC COURSE REGISTRATION PROCESS SHALL PROVIDE
7 TO STUDENTS INFORMATION REGARDING HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE,
8 INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, PROMINENTLY POSTING SUCH INFORMATION
9 IN A CLEARLY VISIBLE AREA OF THE INSTITUTION'S REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

10 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
13 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
18 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.