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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE "UNIFORM
102	ELECTION CODE OF 1992" THAT ENSURE VOTER ACCESS FOR
103	ELIGIBLE ELECTORS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
104	REDUCING THE DEADLINE BY WHICH A VOTER REGISTRATION
105	APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA CERTAIN METHODS,
106	ALTERING PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO NATIONAL
107	CHANGE-OF-ADDRESS SEARCHES, ALLOWING EMERGENCY
108	BALLOTS TO BE OBTAINED FOR NONMEDICAL REASONS,
109	AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO MILITARY AND OVERSEAS
110	VOTERS, INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR PROVIDING FALSE
111	RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION, MAKING THE AIDING OR
112	ABETTING THE PROVISION OF FALSE RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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> HOUSE Amended 2nd Reading

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#### **Bill Summary**

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The "Voter Access and Modernized Elections Act", enacted in 2013, made various changes to the "Uniform Election Code of 1992". To facilitate implementation of that act, and the conduct of elections generally, the bill makes various corrections, clarifications, and alterations to the code.

**Section 1** of the bill defines the term "post office box" as compartments on premises administered by the United States postal service or other commercial mail service entity.

Currently, when a person moves from one county or precinct in the state to another with the intention of making the new county or precinct his or her permanent residence, the person is considered to reside in that new county or precinct. **Section 2** modifies this provision to apply to any in-state changes of residence when the elector intends the new residence to be his or her sole legal place of residence.

Various deadlines apply by which voter registration must be completed, depending on the method of application. **Sections 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10** impose the same deadline (i.e., 8 days prior to the date of an election) for voter registration applications by any method of submission, except for applications submitted through voter registration drives or at voter service and polling centers (VSPCs). Further:

- ! Section 3 requires a person to register to vote on or before the eighth day before an election in order to receive a mail ballot for that election:
- ! Section 6 clarifies the time during which voter registration applications may be submitted at VSPCs for elections, other than general elections, coordinated by a county clerk and recorder; and
- ! Sections 6, 8, 9, and 10 allow voter registration applications to be processed after the 8-day deadline, though voters so registering must still obtain ballots in person.

Currently, to change an address or political party affiliation using the on-line voter registration system, an elector is required to provide the

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last 4 digits of his or her social security number. **Section 4** makes the provision of this information optional. Section 4 also eliminates the requirement that a county clerk and recorder send a nonforwardable postcard to an elector's former address of record after the elector effects a change of residence using the on-line voter registration system.

**Section 5** harmonizes the self-affirmation a person makes when registering to vote with the statutory residency requirements.

Regarding the monthly national change of address search that the secretary of state must undertake, **section 7**:

- ! Specifies that the search must be performed using the database maintained by the United States postal service;
- ! Allows elector registration records to be changed only if the elector has signified that his or her move was permanent;
- ! When a search indicates that an elector has added or changed a post office box, directs the county clerk and recorder to update only the elector's deliverable mailing address and to notify the elector of such change by sending him or her a conformation card;
- ! Repeals the prohibition on changing an elector's record within 60 days of a primary or general election; and
- ! Requires that electors who appear, pursuant to such change of address search, to have moved within a county be treated the same whether active or inactive, requires the new addresses of such electors be kept current when confirmation cards mailed to their old addresses are returned as undeliverable.

Because registration records are maintained and accessible electronically, **section 11** removes obsolete requirements that county clerk and recorders maintain original records at their offices.

**Section 12** makes the use of ballot stubs and duplicate stubs optional and **section 15** repeals provisions relating to acceptance and processing of those stubs and instead requires election judges to issue credit for ballots provided to each elector in the voter registration list.

**Section 13** eliminates the requirements for electors to manually write in signature card information and instead directs election judges to prepare signature cards using elector information contained in the on-line voter registration system for those cards. Section 13 also harmonizes the self-affirmation contained on signature cards with those that appear on return envelopes for voted mail ballots.

**Sections 14 and 27** consolidate provisions pertaining to persons who assist electors with disabilities or who do not speak English. As a result of this consolidation, **section 16** makes a conforming amendment, and updates terminology pertaining to the physical area in which an elector votes.

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**Section 17** modifies the bases on which VSPCs are required for certain elections.

With respect to military and overseas voters:

- ! Section 17 clarifies that ballots cast in accordance with the "Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act" (UMOVA) are deemed timely and are counted pursuant to that act;
- ! In the same way that children are covered by the UMOVA, section 20 adds spouses and civil union partners of UMOVA-covered voters who are United States citizens to the purview of that act;
- ! Section 21 removes the deadline by which an election official must receive a declaration from such voters in order for processing prior to an election; and
- ! Section 22 deems electronic requests for ballots to be timely if received any time through 7 days prior to election day.

Currently, an elector may obtain an emergency replacement ballot if he or she, or a member of his or her family, is confined to a hospital or residence on election day. **Section 18** allows electors to obtain and vote such ballots for nonmedical reasons, including natural disasters.

**Section 19** requires a self-affirmation on a mail ballot to be signed by the elector, and not a person acting on the elector's behalf, to be valid.

**Section 23** makes corrections to the bases on which the residency or age of voters are challenged.

With regard to criminal offenses relating to elections:

- **Section 24** makes the tampering with, or unauthorized opening of, a ballot box a class 5 felony.
- ! Currently, the offense of knowingly giving false information regarding an elector's place of present residence constitutes a class 6 felony. **Section 25** makes that offense a class 5 felony.
- ! Section 26 makes knowingly aiding or abetting an elector in committing the offense of knowingly giving false information as to the elector's place of present residence a class 6 felony.

Currently, county clerks and recorders are directed to verify the changes of addresses of voters who, pursuant to information received from the United States post office or a driver's license examination facility, appear to have moved in-state. **Section 27** repeals this verification requirement.

- 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, add (29.5)

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I	as follows:
2	1-1-104. Definitions. As used in this code, unless the context
3	otherwise requires:
4	(29.5) "Post office box" means a compartment on the
5	PREMISES OF A CENTRAL MAILING LOCATION, WHETHER THE LOCATION IS
6	ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OR A
7	COMMERCIAL MAIL SERVICE ENTITY, IN WHICH A PATRON'S INCOMING MAIL
8	IS HELD UNTIL COLLECTED BY THE PATRON.
9	<b>SECTION 2.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-102, <b>amend</b> (1)
10	(f) as follows:
11	1-2-102. Rules for determining residence. (1) The following
12	rules shall be used to determine the residence of a person intending to
13	register or to vote in any precinct in this state and shall be used by
14	election judges in challenge procedures:
15	(f) If AFTER a person moves from one county or precinct in this
16	state RESIDENCE to another with the intention of making AND HAS MADE
17	the new county or precinct a permanent RESIDENCE HIS OR HER SOLE
18	LEGAL PLACE OF residence, the person is considered to have residence in
19	the county or precinct AT THE RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE to which the
20	person moved.
21	<b>SECTION 3.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-201, <b>amend</b> (3)
22	(b) (I) and (3) (b) (III); and <b>add</b> (4) as follows:
23	1-2-201. Registration required - deadlines. (3) (b) An elector
24	may timely register to vote by:
25	(I) Submitting an application through the mail, a voter registration
26	agency, a local driver's license examination facility, or a voter registration
27	drive no later than twenty-two days before the election; except that, if the

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1	twenty-second day before an election is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal
2	holiday, the elector is permitted to register on the next day that is not a
3	Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday;
4	(III) Using Submitting an application through the mail, a
5	VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCY, A LOCAL DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION
6	FACILITY, OR the on-line voter registration system established pursuant to
7	section 1-2-202.5 (7) (c), through the eighth day prior to an election;
8	EXCEPT THAT, IF THE EIGHTH DAY BEFORE AN ELECTION IS A SATURDAY,
9	SUNDAY, OR LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE ELECTOR IS PERMITTED TO REGISTER ON
10	THE NEXT DAY THAT IS NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR LEGAL HOLIDAY;
11	(4) TO RECEIVE A BALLOT BY MAIL FOR AN ELECTION CONDUCTED
12	UNDER THIS CODE, AN ELECTOR MUST SUBMIT HIS OR HER VOTER
13	REGISTRATION APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE THE EIGHTH DAY BEFORE THE
14	ELECTION.
15	<b>SECTION 4.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-202.5, <b>amend</b> (4)
16	(d), (7) (b), and (7) (c) (I) as follows:
17	1-2-202.5. On-line voter registration - on-line changes in
18	<b>elector information.</b> (4) (d) In addition to any other requirements of this
19	section, in order for a registered elector to access the electronic form to
20	change his or her residence or change or withdraw his or her affiliation,
21	the registered elector shall submit his or her birth date and, IF THE
22	ELECTOR WISHES TO STATE THEM, the last four digits of his or her social
23	security number.
24	(7) (b) When a registered elector completes an electronic form to
25	change his or her residence or change or withdraw his or her affiliation,
	change his of her residence of change of withdraw his of her arribation,
26	the county clerk and recorder shall search for the registered elector's

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section. In the case of a change in residence, the county clerk and recorder shall also send a nonforwardable postcard to the registered elector at his or her old address of record, by regular mail, giving notice to the registered elector that a change in residence form has been submitted by the registered elector and asking the registered elector to contact the county clerk and recorder within ten calendar days of receiving the postcard if it is not the registered elector's intent to change his or her address of record. If the signature is found, and, in the case of a change in residence, if the registered elector has not timely contacted the county clerk and recorder pursuant to this paragraph (b), the county clerk and recorder shall approve the change in status pursuant to subsection (6) of this section and shall make the changes indicated on the electronic form in the computerized statewide voter registration list maintained by the secretary of state pursuant to section 1-2-301 (1).

(c) (I) A voter registration or change of residence made in accordance with this section applies to an election if the elector completes the electronic form no later than eight days before the election. A person attempting to register or update his or her residence through the on-line voter registration system after the eighth day before an election shall be REGISTERED AND immediately informed that the person may MUST instead visit a voter service and polling center to register or make those changes RECEIVE A BALLOT for the election.

**SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-205, **amend** (2) as follows:

**1-2-205. Self-affirmation made by elector.** (2) Each elector making application for registration shall make the following self-affirmation: "I, ...., affirm that I am a citizen of the United States; I

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1	have been a resident of the state of Colorado for at least twenty-two days
2	IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AN ELECTION IN WHICH I INTEND TO VOTE; AND I
3	am at least sixteen years old and understand that I must be eighteen years
4	old to be eligible to vote. <del>I meet the registration qualifications and that the</del>
5	information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my
6	knowledge and belief and I further affirm that I will not cast more than
7	one ballot in any election I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT MY PRESENT ADDRESS
8	AS STATED HEREIN IS MY SOLE LEGAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE, THAT I CLAIM
9	NO OTHER PLACE AS MY LEGAL RESIDENCE, AND THAT I UNDERSTAND
10	THAT I AM COMMITTING A FELONY IF I KNOWINGLY GIVE FALSE
11	INFORMATION REGARDING MY PLACE OF PRESENT RESIDENCE. I CERTIFY
12	UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I MEET THE REGISTRATION
13	QUALIFICATIONS; THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS
14	APPLICATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF; AND
15	THAT I HAVE NOT, NOR WILL I, CAST MORE THAN ONE BALLOT IN ANY
16	ELECTION.".
17	<b>SECTION 6.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-217.7, <b>amend</b> (3)
18	(a) and (3) (c); and <b>add</b> (3.5) as follows:
19	1-2-217.7. Registration on or immediately prior to election day
20	- locations - rules - legislative declaration. (3) Timing. Voter
21	registration within the twenty-two days prior to an election must be
22	conducted:
23	(a) (I) FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS, from the fifteenth day prior to
24	and including election day, at locations designated as voter service and
25	polling centers by county clerk and recorders pursuant to sections
26	SECTION 1-5-102.9; <del>or 1-7.5-107;</del> or
27	(II) FOR ALL OTHER ELECTIONS CONDUCTED OR COORDINATED BY

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1	A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR FOR WHICH A COUNTY CLERK AND
2	RECORDER IS THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, FROM THE EIGHTH DAY
3	PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING ELECTION DAY, AT LOCATIONS DESIGNATED AS
4	VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS BY COUNTY CLERK AND
5	RECORDERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-7.5-107;
6	(c) Through the eighth day prior to election day, via MAIL
7	APPLICATION, VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCY, LOCAL DRIVER'S LICENSE
8	EXAMINATION FACILITY, OR the on-line voter registration system
9	established pursuant to section 1-2-202.5.
10	(3.5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE DEADLINES SPECIFIED IN
11	SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS
12	MUST BE PROCESSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-2-508 (3).
13	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-302.5, amend
14	(1), (2) (b) introductory portion, (2) (b) (I) (A), and (2) (b) (I) (C); <b>repeal</b>
15	(3); and <b>add</b> (2) (c), (4), and (5) as follows:
16	1-2-302.5. Change of address search - rules. (1) Beginning July
17	1, 2013, The secretary of state shall conduct a monthly national change
18	of address search, USING THE NATIONAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS DATABASE
19	ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, for all electors
20	whose names appear in the statewide voter registration list.
21	(2) (b) If the ANY search OF THE NATIONAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS
22	DATABASE ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
23	CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION indicates an elector has PERMANENTLY
24	moved, the county clerk and recorder shall act as follows:
25	(I) (A) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, If the
26	search indicates that the elector moved within the county, the county clerk
27	and recorder shall MARK THE ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION RECORD AS

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"ACTIVE" AND update the elector's registration record with the elector's new address and send a confirmation card in accordance with section 1-2-605 to the elector's old address. except that, if the elector is already marked inactive, the county clerk and recorder shall proceed according to the procedures set forth in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (b).

- (C) If the elector returns the confirmation card affirming the new address, IFTHE CONFIRMATION CARD IS RETURNED AS UNDELIVERABLE, or if the elector does not return the confirmation card, the county clerk and recorder shall leave the elector's new address AND STATUS as updated in the registration record pursuant to sub-subparagraph (A) of this subparagraph (I).
- (c) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL MAKE CORRECTIONS
  TO ADDRESS UPDATES MADE PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL CHANGE OF
  ADDRESS SEARCH UPON RECEIVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE
  ELECTOR.
- (3) A county clerk and recorder shall not change an elector's record during the sixty days immediately preceding a primary or general election unless the county clerk and recorder receives confirmation of the new address from the elector.
- (4) IF ANY SEARCH CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION INDICATES THAT AN ELECTOR HAS ADDED OR CHANGED A POST OFFICE BOX, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL UPDATE THE ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION RECORD WITH THE NEW POST OFFICE BOX AS THE ELECTOR'S MAILING ADDRESS AND SEND HIM OR HER A CONFIRMATION CARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-2-605. THE CARD MUST NOTIFY THE ELECTOR OF THE CHANGE IN MAILING ADDRESS AND APPRISE THE ELECTOR OF HIS OR HER PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTING PURPOSES.

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1	(5) IN ADDITION TO THE SEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE SECRETARY
2	OF STATE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY
3	CLERK AND RECORDER MAY CONDUCT A NATIONAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS
4	SEARCH USING THE NATIONAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS DATABASE
5	ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FREQUENTLY
6	AS HE OR SHE SEES FIT.
7	<b>SECTION 8.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-403, <b>amend</b> (3)
8	(b) (II) (B) as follows:
9	1-2-403. Training and registration materials for high school
10	deputy registrars - processing applications. (3) (b) (II) (B) Within
11	twenty-two EIGHT days prior to an election, a high school deputy registrar
12	shall accept an application tendered under this section and shall
13	immediately inform the applicant that, to register or make registration
14	changes for VOTE IN the upcoming election, the voter must go to an
15	appropriate location capable of processing the registration application
16	prior to the election pursuant to section 1-2-217.7 A VOTER SERVICE AND
17	POLLING CENTER.
18	<b>SECTION 9.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-507, <b>amend</b> (2)
19	as follows:
20	1-2-507. Transmittal of voter registration applications.
21	(2) Within twenty-two EIGHT days before an election, a voter registration
22	agency shall accept the application and immediately inform the applicant
23	that to register or make registration changes for the upcoming election,
24	the voter HE OR SHE must go to an appropriate location capable of
25	processing the registration application prior to the election pursuant to
26	section 1-2-217.7 A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER IN ORDER TO
27	VOTE IN THAT ELECTION.

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1	<b>SECTION 10.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-508, <b>amend</b> (1)
2	(a), (1) (b), (1) (c), (1) (d), and (1) (e); and <b>add</b> (1) (f) and (3) as follows:
3	1-2-508. Receipt of voter registration applications - effective
4	dates - legislative intent. (1) The county clerk and recorder shall ensure
5	that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if:
6	(a) In the case of registration with a driver's license application,
7	the valid voter registration application of the applicant is accepted by a
8	driver's license examination facility no later than twenty-two EIGHT days
9	before the date of an election;
10	(b) In the case of registration by mail, the valid voter registration
11	application of the applicant is postmarked not later than twenty-two EIGHT
12	days before the date of the election;
13	(c) In the case of registration by mail where the application has no
14	postmark, and the application is received by a county clerk and recorder
15	no later than five days after the close of registration, the date of
16	registration shall be IS the date of the last day allowed for registration
17	THAT THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED;
18	(d) In the case of registration at a voter registration agency, the
19	valid agency voter registration application of the applicant is accepted at
20	the voter registration agency not later than twenty-two EIGHT days before
21	the date of the election; and
22	(e) In any other case, the valid voter registration application of the
23	applicant is received by the appropriate county clerk and recorder not
24	later than twenty-two days before the date of the election, except as
25	otherwise permitted by section 1-2-217.7 IN THE CASE OF REGISTRATION
26	THROUGH A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE, THE VALID VOTER REGISTRATION
27	IS SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN TWENTY-TWO DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION;

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1	AND
2	(f) IN ANY OTHER CASE, THE VALID VOTER REGISTRATION
3	APPLICATION OF THE APPLICANT IS RECEIVED BY THE APPROPRIATE
4	COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER NOT LATER THAN EIGHT DAYS BEFORE THE
5	DATE OF THE ELECTION, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY SECTION
6	1-2-217.7.
7	(3) (a) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE VOTER REGISTRATION
8	APPLICATION DEADLINES CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION AND THIS CODE, A
9	COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL ACCEPT AND PROCESS A VOTER
10	REGISTRATION APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINES SPECIFIED
11	IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
12	THROUGH THE ON-LINE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM. ANY PERSON WHO
13	SUBMITS A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION WITHIN EIGHT DAYS OF AN
14	ELECTION SHALL BE INFORMED THAT HE OR SHE WILL NOT RECEIVE A MAIL
15	BALLOT BUT MAY EITHER PICK UP A BALLOT IN PERSON OR VOTE IN PERSON
16	AT A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER.
17	(II) IT IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT, IN ENACTING THIS
18	PARAGRAPH (a), TO USE MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO MAXIMIZE THE
19	EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS AT VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS BY
20	ALLOWING THE CONTINUOUS PROCESSING OF VOTER REGISTRATION
21	$\label{lem:applications} \mbox{ APPLICATIONS FOR ELIGIBLE PERSONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE.}$
22	(b) IF A VOTER HAS ALREADY CAST A BALLOT IN AN ELECTION, AND
23	SUBMITS AN APPLICATION AFTER CASTING THE BALLOT, THE COUNTY
24	CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL DEFER PROCESSING THAT VOTER'S
25	APPLICATION UNTIL AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE ELECTION.
26	<b>SECTION 11.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, <b>amend</b> 1-5-301 as
27	follows:

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1-5-301. Registration record for partisan elections. (1) A
county clerk and recorder shall retain the original DIGITAL registration
records in the office of the county clerk and recorder and may provide the
records to election judges for use at voter service and polling centers in
primary, general, and congressional vacancy elections SHALL BE
MAINTAINED IN THE CENTRALIZED STATEWIDE REGISTRATION SYSTEM
CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-2-301.
(2) The designated election official at least one day prior to any
election, shall deliver the registration records and all necessary
registration supplies to the supervisor judge. The registration records shall
be delivered in a sealed envelope or container to the supervisor judge.
who shall have custody of and shall give a receipt for the registration
records County Clerk and recorder shall provide the voter
REGISTRATION AND VOTING RECORDS INFORMATION TO ELECTION JUDGES
FOR USE AT VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS IN ALL APPLICABLE
ELECTIONS.
<b>SECTION 12.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-407, <b>amend</b> (1)
and (1.6); and <b>repeal</b> (1.5) and (8) as follows:
1-5-407. Form of ballots. (1) (a) Except as provided in
subsections (1.5) and (1.6) of this section, the extreme top part of each
ballot may be divided into two spaces by two perforated or dotted lines.
Each space shall be not less than one inch wide. The top portion is called
the stub, and the next portion is called the duplicate stub. The same
number shall be printed upon both the stub and the duplicate stub. All
ballots shall be numbered consecutively. All ballots shall MUST be
uniform and of sufficient length and width to allow for the names of

candidates, officers, ballot issues, and ballot questions to be printed in

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clear, plain type, with a space of at least one-half inch between the different columns on the ballot. On each ballot shall be printed the endorsement "Official ballot for .............." MUST BE PRINTED, and after the word "for" shall follow FOLLOWS the designation of the precinct, if appropriate, and the political subdivision for which the ballot is prepared, the date of the election, and a facsimile of the signature of the election official. The ballot shall NOT contain no ANY caption or other endorsement, except as provided in this section. The election official shall use precisely the same quality and tint of paper, the same kind of type, and the same quality and tint of plain black ink for all ballots prepared for one election.

- (b) If the designated election official, in his or her discretion, elects to use ballot stubs, each ballot may have either one or two stubs to be divided into two spaces by two perforated or dotted lines. Each such space must be at least one inch wide. The top portion is called the stub and the next portion is called the duplicate stub. All ballots prepared under this paragraph (b) must be numbered consecutively. The same number must be printed on both the stub and the duplicate stub.
- (1.5) A duplicate stub is not required for a ballot that is prepared for a mail ballot election pursuant to article 7.5 of this title.
- (1.6) No A ballot stub MAY BE USED, BUT is NOT required, for a ballot produced on demand, so long as the quantity of ballots produced for the election can be reconciled by the ballot processing method used by the voting system. Such ballots may contain printed and distinguishing marks, so long as secrecy in voting is protected.
  - (8) The form of the ballot may vary from the requirements of this

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1	section if the changes are approved by the secretary of state.
2	<b>SECTION 13.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-110, <b>amend</b> (1),
3	(2.5), and (3) as follows:
4	<b>1-7-110. Preparing to vote in person.</b> (1) (a) When an elector
5	APPEARS IN PERSON TO VOTE, A SIGNATURE CARD CONTAINING THE
6	ELECTOR'S NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, AS THEY APPEAR IN THE
7	STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION 1-2-301,
8	SHALL BE COMPLETED.
9	(b) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, an eligible
10	elector desiring to vote in person shall show his or her identification as
11	defined in section 1-1-104 (19.5), write his or her name and address
12	VERIFY THE INFORMATION THAT APPEARS on the signature card, sign the
13	signature card, and give the signature card to one of the election judges.
14	An eligible elector who is unable to write may request assistance from
15	one of the election judges, who shall also sign the signature card and
16	witness the eligible elector's mark. The signature card shall provide:
17	I,, who reside at, am an eligible
18	elector of this precinct or district and desire to vote at this
19	election.
20	Date STATE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY
21	THAT I AM AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR; THAT MY NAME AND SOLE
22	LEGAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE ARE AS SHOWN ON THIS
23	SIGNATURE CARD; AND THAT I HAVE NOT NOR WILL I CAST
24	A BALLOT BY ANY OTHER MEANS IN THIS ELECTION.
25	(2.5) If the elector's qualification to vote is established by the
26	completion of an affidavit, and if the affidavit contains all of the
27	information required in subsection (1) of this section, then the designated

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1 election official may SHALL consider the affidavit the signature card. or 2 may require the completion of an additional signature card. 3 (3) The completed ELECTION JUDGES SHALL RETURN THE SIGNED 4 signature cards shall be returned with other election materials to the 5 designated election official. **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-111, **amend** (1) 6 7 (a) and (1) (b); and **repeal** (2) as follows: 8 **1-7-111. Electors requiring assistance.** (1) (a) If at any election, 9 any registered elector declares to the election judges that, by reason of 10 blindness or other physical disability, or inability to read or write, OR 11 DIFFICULTIES WITH THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, he or she is unable to 12 prepare the ballot or operate the voting device or electronic voting device 13 without assistance, the elector is entitled, upon making a request, to 14 receive the assistance of any one of the election judges or, at the elector's 15 option, any person selected by the eligible elector requiring assistance. 16 (b) Any person other than an election judge who assists an eligible 17 elector in the precinct in casting his or her ballot shall first complete the 18 following voter assistance/disabled voter ASSISTANCE self-affirmation 19 form: "I, ....., certify that I am the individual chosen by the 20 elector to assist the elector in casting a ballot. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT 21 I WILL NOT IN ANY WAY ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE OR INDUCE THE ELECTOR 22 TO VOTE IN A PARTICULAR MANNER, NOR WILL I CAST THE ELECTOR'S VOTE 23 OTHER THAN AS DIRECTED BY THE ELECTOR I AM ASSISTING.". 24 (2) In every political subdivision, an eligible elector with a 25 disability is allowed to vote in the manner of his or her choosing at the 26 polling locations. More than one polling location may be established in

a county for the purposes of this subsection (2). Prior to voting, if

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possible, the eligible elector with a disability who intends to vote at the
polling location shall complete the following self-affirmation form. If the
elector with a disability cannot read or write, or is unable to sign his or
her name, the election official or person assisting the elector shall read the
form aloud to the elector, and, upon the affirmation of the elector, will
mark that the elector requesting assistance has affirmed that the facts on
the form are true and correct. If the elector with a disability is able to read
and write, he or she shall complete the voter assistance/voter with a
disability self-affirmation form, which form provides:
I,, affirm that I am an eligible elector in this political
subdivision located in the county of, state of
Colorado; that I shall vote today at this polling location. I
further affirm that I have not, nor will I, cast a vote by any
other means in this election.
SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 1-7-302 as
follows:
1-7-302. Electors given only one ballot. Election judges shall
give to each eligible elector a single ballot which shall be separated from
the stub by tearing or cutting along the perforated or dotted line. The
election judge having charge of the ballots shall endorse his or her initials
on the duplicate stub. Another election judge shall enter the date and the
number of the ballot on the registration record of the eligible elector
before delivering the ballot to the eligible elector. The election judge
having charge of the pollbook shall write the name of the eligible elector
and the number of the ballot on the pollbook AFTER ISSUING VOTE CREDIT
TO THE ELECTOR IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

CREATED IN SECTION 1-2-301.

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1	<b>SECTION 16.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, <b>amend</b> 1-7-403 as
2	follows:
3	1-7-403. Instruction to electors. In case any elector, after
4	entering the voting machine IMMEDIATE VOTING AREA, asks for further
5	instructions concerning the manner of voting, an election judge shall give
6	instructions to the elector. No election judge or other election official or
7	person assisting an elector shall enter the voting machine IMMEDIATE
8	VOTING AREA, except as provided in sections 1-7-111 and 1-7-112
9	SECTION 1-7-111. After receiving instructions, the elector shall vote as if
10	unassisted.
11	SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107, amend
12	(4.3) (a) and (4.5) (a); and <b>add</b> (4) (b) (IV), (4.5) (b.5), and (7) as follows:
13	1-7.5-107. Procedures for conducting mail ballot election -
14	primary elections - first-time voters casting a mail ballot after having
15	registered by mail to vote - in-person request for ballot - repeal.
16	(4) (b) (IV) NOTHING IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b)
17	AFFECTS OR SUPERSEDES PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TIMELY CASTING
18	AND COUNTING OF BALLOTS UNDER SECTION 1-8.3-111 OR 1-8.3-113.
19	(4.3) (a) For any election, other than a general election, conducted
20	by FOR WHICH a county clerk and recorder IS THE DESIGNATED ELECTION
21	OFFICIAL, there shall MUST be a minimum number of mail ballot drop-off
22	locations where mail ballots may be deposited equal to at least one
23	drop-off location for each thirty thousand active registered electors in the
24	county; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE DISTRICT OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR
25	WHICH THE ELECTION IS BEING CONDUCTED IS LESS POPULOUS THAN THE
26	COUNTY, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST
27	ONE MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATION FOR EACH THIRTY THOUSAND

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CURRENT ACTIVE REGISTERED ELECTORS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THAT ELECTION. The drop-off locations shall be arrayed throughout the county in a manner that provides the greatest convenience to electors.

(4.5) (a) (I) For any PRIMARY OR NOVEMBER COORDINATED election, other than a general election, conducted by a county clerk and recorder, the county clerk and recorder shall designate voter service and

election, other than a general election, conducted by a county clerk and recorder, the county clerk and recorder shall designate voter service and polling centers equal to no fewer than the number of county motor vehicle offices in the county; except that each county shall have no fewer than one voter service and polling center, and, for counties with fewer than twenty-five thousand active electors, as that term is described in section 1-5-102.9 (1) (b) SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), only one voter service and polling center is required. The county clerk and recorder may add additional voter service and polling center locations as necessary.

- (II) (A) PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 8, 2016, THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE ELECTORS IN A COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a) IS THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE ELECTORS ON THE DATE OF THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION PLUS THE NUMBER OF VOTERS MARKED "INACTIVE FAILED TO VOTE" ON THAT DATE.
- (B) ON AND AFTER NOVEMBER 8, 2016, FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE ELECTORS IN A COUNTY IS THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE ELECTORS REGISTERED IN THE COUNTY ON THE DATE OF THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
- (C) Sub-subparagraph (A) of this subparagraph (II) and this subparagraph (C) are repealed, effective January 1, 2017.
- (b.5) FOR ANY ELECTION, OTHER THAN A GENERAL, PRIMARY, OR NOVEMBER COORDINATED ELECTION, FOR WHICH THE COUNTY CLERK AND

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1	RECORDER IS THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, THE COUNTY CLERK
2	AND RECORDER SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE VOTER SERVICE AND
3	POLLING CENTER FOR EACH THIRTY THOUSAND CURRENT ACTIVE
4	REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THAT ELECTION.
5	(7) IF, BY THE CLOSE OF POLLS, AN ELECTOR DEPOSITS A BALLOT
6	AT A DROP-OFF LOCATION IN A COUNTY IN WHICH THE ELECTOR DOES NOT
7	RESIDE, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, UPON DISCOVERING THAT
8	FACT, SHALL TIMELY DELIVER THE BALLOT TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND
9	RECORDER OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE ELECTOR RESIDES, WHO SHALL
10	ACCEPT THE BALLOT FOR PROCESSING.
11	SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107.3, amend
12	(4) (b) as follows:
13	1-7.5-107.3. Verification of signatures - rules. (4) (b) The
14	county clerk and recorder may SHALL provide training in the technique
15	and standards of signature comparison to election judges who compare
16	signatures pursuant to this section.
17	SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-115, amend
18	(1) (a) as follows:
19	1-7.5-115. Emergency voting - replacement ballots - electronic
20	transfer - rules - definition. (1) (a) (I) (A) In the event IF an eligible
21	elector or a member of an eligible elector's immediate family, related TO
22	THE SECOND DEGREE by blood, or marriage to the second degree
23	ADOPTION, MARRIAGE, OR CIVIL UNION PARTNERSHIP, is confined in a
24	hospital or place of residence on election day, OR IF, DUE TO EMERGENCY
25	CONDITIONS SUCH AS NATURAL DISASTERS ARISING AFTER THE DEADLINES
26	BY WHICH BALLOTS ARE MAILED, THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO VOTE IN
27	PERSON, the elector may request in a personally signed written statement

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1	that the county clerk and recorder or designated election official send a
2	replacement ballot. The county clerk and recorder or designated election
3	official shall deliver PROVIDE the replacement ballot, at the office of the
4	county clerk and recorder or designated election official during the
5	OFFICE'S regular hours of business, to any authorized representative of the
6	elector.
7	(B) For the purposes of this paragraph (a), "authorized
8	representative" means a person who possesses a written statement from
9	the elector containing the elector's signature, name, and address of
10	residence and indicating that the elector is or will be confined in a
11	hospital or place of residence on election day UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON
12	AFTER THE LAST DAY TO MAIL A BALLOT and requesting that the
13	replacement ballot be given to the authorized person as identified by
14	name and address of residence.
15	(II) The authorized person shall acknowledge receipt of the
16	replacement ballot with a signature, name, and address of residence.
17	SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-204, amend
18	(1) (b) (I) as follows:
19	1-7.5-204. Preparing to count mail ballots - rejections.
20	(1) (b) The self-affirmation is valid if:
21	(I) The self-affirmation was completed by the elector; or a person
22	acting in the elector's behalf;
23	SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-8.3-102, amend
24	(2) (d) as follows:
25	1-8.3-102. <b>Definitions.</b> In this article:
26	(2) "Covered voter" means:
27	(d) An overseas voter who was born outside the United States, is

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1	not described in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection (2), and, except for
2	a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies this state's voter
3	eligibility requirements if the last place where a parent, or legal guardian,
4	SPOUSE, OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER of the voter was, or under this article
5	would have been, eligible to vote before leaving the United States is
6	within this state.
7	SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-8.3-108, amend
8	(4) as follows:
9	1-8.3-108. Methods of applying for ballot - definition. $(4)$ A
10	covered voter may use the declaration accompanying a federal write-in
11	absentee ballot as an application for a ballot simultaneously with the
12	submission of the federal write-in absentee ballot. if the declaration is
13	received by the appropriate election official no later than the Friday
14	immediately preceding the election.
15	<b>SECTION 23.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, <b>amend</b> 1-8.3-109
16	as follows:
17	1-8.3-109. Timeliness of application for ballot. An application
18	for a ballot is timely if received by the designated election official no later
19	than the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the
20	election; except that, If the AN applicant wishes to receive the A ballot by
21	mail, the application shall be received no later than the close of business
22	on the seventh day before the election. An application for a ballot for a
23	primary election, whether or not timely, is effective as an application for
24	a ballot for the general election.
25	SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-9-203, amend (3)
26	introductory portion, (3) (a), (3) (b), and (4) as follows:
27	1-9-203. Challenge questions asked person intending to vote.

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1	(3) If the person is challenged as not eligible because the person has not
2	resided in this state and precinct for thirty TWENTY-TWO days immediately
3	preceding the election, an election judge shall ask the following
4	questions:
5	(a) Have you resided in this state and precinct for the thirty
6	TWENTY-TWO days immediately preceding this election?
7	(b) Have you been absent from this state during the thirty
8	TWENTY-TWO days immediately preceding this election, and during that
9	time have you maintained a home or domicile elsewhere?
10	(4) If the person is challenged as not eligible because the person
11	is WILL not BE eighteen years of age or older ON OR BEFORE ELECTION
12	DAY, an election judge shall ask the following question: To the best of
13	your knowledge and belief, are WILL you BE eighteen years of age or older
14	ON ELECTION DAY?
15	SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-10-101, add (4)
16	as follows:
17	1-10-101. Canvass board for partisan elections - appointment,
18	fees, oaths. (4) Any individual serving on a canvass board
19	PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE IS IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY IN ANY
20	PROCEEDING THAT IS BASED ON AN ACT OR OMISSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL
21	<u>IF:</u>
22	(a) HE OR SHE WAS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHIN THE SCOPE
23	OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS OR DUTIES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS
24	ARTICLE; AND
25	(b) The violation was not caused by willful or intentional
26	MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF THE INDIVIDUAL.
27	SECTION 26. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 1-13-707.5 as

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1	follows:
2	1-13-707.5. Tampering with ballot box. Any person who
3	WILFULLY TAMPERS WITH OR WHO, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY LAW,
4	WILFULLY BREAKS OPEN ANY BALLOT BOX, INCLUDING A DROP-OFF
5	LOCATION RECEPTACLE, IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 5 FELONY AND, UPON
6	CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
7	18-1.3-401, C.R.S.
8	SECTION 27. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 1-13-709.5
9	as follows:
10	1-13-709.5. Residence - false information - penalty. Any person
11	who votes by knowingly giving false information regarding the elector's
12	place of present residence commits a class 6 CLASS 5 felony and shall be
13	punished as provided in section 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.
14	<b>SECTION 28.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, <b>add</b> 1-13-709.6 as
15	follows:
16	1-13-709.6. Residence - conspiring to give false information -
17	penalty. Any person who knowingly aids or abets an elector in
18	PLANNING OR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF KNOWINGLY GIVING FALSE
19	INFORMATION REGARDING THE ELECTOR'S PLACE OF PRESENT RESIDENCE
20	DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-13-709.5 COMMITS A CLASS 6 FELONY AND SHALL
21	BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.
22	<b>SECTION 29.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, <b>repeal</b> 1-2-216.5
23	and 1-7-112.
24	<b>SECTION</b> 30. Appropriation. (1) In addition to any other
25	appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the
26	department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104 (3) (b),
27	Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department

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1	of state, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$150,154,
2	or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be allocated for the
3	implementation of this act as follows:
4	(a) \$132,720 to information technology services for information
5	technology costs; and
6	(b) \$17,434 to the elections division, operating expenses, for voter
7	registration materials.
8	SECTION 31. Appropriation. In addition to any other
9	appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the
10	general fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of revenue,
11	for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the sum of \$30,000, or so much
12	thereof as may be necessary, to be allocated to the division of motor
13	vehicles, driver services, operating expenses, for modifications to the
14	voter registration system related to the implementation of this act. Any
15	moneys appropriated in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2014,
16	are further appropriated to the department for the fiscal year beginning
17	July 1, 2014, for the same purposes.
18	SECTION 32. Appropriation - adjustments to 2014 long bill.
19	For the implementation of this act, the general fund appropriation made
20	in the annual general appropriation act to the controlled maintenance trust
21	fund created in section 24-75-302.5 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes,
22	for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, is decreased by \$7,500.
23	SECTION 33. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 17-18-111 as
24	<u>follows:</u>
25	17-18-111. Appropriation to comply with section 2-2-703 - SB
26	14-161 - repeal. (1) PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-703, C.R.S., THE
27	FOLLOWING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY

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1	BE NECESSARY, ARE MADE IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL 14-161,
2	<u>ENACTED IN 2014:</u>
3	(a) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, in addition
4	TO ANY OTHER APPROPRIATION, THERE IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE
5	DEPARTMENT, OUT OF ANY MONEYS IN THE GENERAL FUND NOT
6	OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED, THE SUM OF TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR
7	HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$21,484).
8	(c) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, in addition
9	TO ANY OTHER APPROPRIATION, THERE IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE
10	DEPARTMENT, OUT OF ANY MONEYS IN THE GENERAL FUND NOT
11	OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED, THE SUM OF NINETEEN THOUSAND SIX
12	HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$19,640).
13	(2) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2017.
14	SECTION 34. Applicability. This act applies to elections
15	conducted on or after the effective date of this act.
16	SECTION 35. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
17	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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