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STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 18-0629.01 Bob Lackner x4350

SENATE BILL 18-076

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A BAN ON VOTE TRADING.

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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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill makes it a misdemeanor criminal offense for a person to trade a vote or offer to trade a vote with another elector in this state or a person in another state in exchange for the other person's vote for or against a particular candidate, ballot issue, or ballot question.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-13-720, **amend** (1)  
2 introductory portion; and **add** (1)(d) as follows:

3           **1-13-720. Unlawfully giving or promising money or**  
4 **employment or engaging in vote trading.** (1) It is unlawful for any  
5 person, directly or indirectly, ~~by himself~~ INDIVIDUALLY or through any  
6 other person:

7           (d) TO TRADE A VOTE OR OFFER TO TRADE A VOTE WITH ANOTHER  
8 ELECTOR IN THE STATE OR A PERSON IN ANOTHER STATE IN EXCHANGE FOR  
9 THE OTHER PERSON'S VOTE FOR OR AGAINST A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE,  
10 BALLOT ISSUE, OR BALLOT QUESTION.

11           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
12 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect September 1, 2018; except that,  
13 if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of  
14 the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
15 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general  
16 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
17 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November  
18 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on January 1, 2019, or on the date  
19 of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever  
20 is later.

21           (2) This act applies to elections conducted on or after the  
22 applicable effective date of this act.