

DIGEST OF BILLS ENACTED BY THIRTY-SEVENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
IN FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CONVENED  
(August 21-26, 1950)

S.B. 1 - Civil Defense - Colorado Civil Defense Act of 1950 -

The purpose of the act is to provide for the common defense in any war disaster that may occur. The act establishes a State Civil Defense Agency and creates the office of director of civil defense, who is to be a confidential employee of the Governor and serve at the will of the Governor, at a salary of \$6,000.00 per annum. Other personnel is also provided for. A Civil Defense Advisory Council of fifteen members is created, to advise the Governor and the director on all matters pertaining to civil defense. The powers of the Governor, who is given general direction and control of the agency, are outlined, the most important of which are to prepare a comprehensive plan and program for the civil defense of this state; to institute training and public information programs; to provide for partial or full mobilization of civil defense organizations; to procure or accept, on behalf of the state, supplies and equipment to aid in civil defense; to coordinate the state plan with local plans; and to enter into mutual aid arrangements with other states. Each political subdivision of the state is authorized and directed to establish local organizations of civil defense in accordance with the state plan, and to make appropriations therefor. In the event the federal government shall make available to the state or any local organization funds for civil defense, the acceptance of such funds is authorized by the act. The act further provides that no organization of civil defense established under the act shall be employed for political purposes; and all civil defense personnel must take an oath to support and defend the constitution and laws of the nation and state, and further certify that he or she is not or has not been a member of any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of the government of the ~~nation or state~~. The act terminates June 30, 1951.

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S.B. 2 - Elections - Absentee Voting - The act amends the election laws in relation to absentee voting to provide that any registered elector who for reasons based upon the doctrines of established religions shall be unable to attend the polls on any primary or general election day, he <sup>may</sup> ~~may~~ vote by absentee ballot. <sup>or she</sup> The act further eliminates the provision of the present law requiring that any elector who, because of serious illness, wishes to vote by absentee ballot, must file with his application for an absentee ballot, an affidavit of a physician certifying as to his illness.

S. B. 3 - Civil Defense Agency-Appropriation - The act makes an appropriation of \$20,000.00 to the Civil Defense Agency created by S.B. 1 for the remainder of the fiscal year 1950-1951, to be expended for personal services, maintenance and operation, capital outlays, and other necessary expenses of the agency.

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H. B. 1 - Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind - Appropriation - The act makes an appropriation of \$275,000.00 to the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind for the replacement of the building, equipment and furnishings, destroyed by fire at the school in 1950.

H. B. 3 - Legislative Department - Appropriation - The act makes an appropriation of \$24,365.00 to pay for the ordinary expenses of the legislative department, during and on account of the First Extraordinary Session of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

H. B. 4 - Income Taxes - The act provides that there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax computed by any taxpayer under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of 1937, as amended, an amount equivalent to 20% of the tax so computed. The act further provides for an additional \$500.00 deduction for all members of the armed forces. The act applies to the taxable year, either calendar or fiscal, beginning after December 31, 1949.

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