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Research Note

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House Bill 16-1012

Sponsors

***Representative Ryden
Senator Scott***

Short Title

***Clerk File Copy Of Municipal
Election Results With
Department of Local Affairs***

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which becomes effective August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Summary

This bill requires certified statements of local election results to be filed with the Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Under current law, the statements are filed with the Secretary of State (SOS). The bill requires the division to post the statements on its website, and the SOS must provide a link to them on its website. The bill does not change the requirement that the certified statement must also be published in a newspaper or posted within the municipality.

Background

Under the municipal election code, the municipal clerk is required to prepare a certified statement of election results, after the canvass of votes is completed. The statement notes each candidate, the number of votes he or she received, and the candidate elected to each office. It is certified by the municipal clerk and his or her assistant.

Certified statements of election results are prepared after all types of elections. At elections for national, state, and district officers, the statements are prepared by the SOS. For county and precinct officers, the statements are prepared by the county clerk and recorder. For other elections, including ballot questions, the statements are prepared by the designated election official

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and submitted to the governing body of the political subdivision that conducted the election. Under current law, special districts file their certificates of election with the Division of Local Government.

The SOS publishes election results on its website, <http://www.govotecolorado.com>. The results of local elections in participating jurisdictions are published but not aggregated by the SOS, so they appear by county on the state's election reporting tool.

House Action

House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee (February 1, 2016). At the hearing, representatives from DOLA, SOS, and the League of Women Voters testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (February 3, 2016). The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

House third reading (February 4, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Local Government Committee (February 23, 2016). At the hearing, representatives from DOLA and SOS testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

Senate second reading (February 26, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on second reading on the consent calendar with no amendments.

Senate third reading (February 29, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on third reading on the consent calendar with no amendments.