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HOUSE BILL 17-1342

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Benavidez,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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House Committees  
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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A COUNTY TO SUBMIT A BALLOT  
102 QUESTION FOR A COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TAX  
103 AT A BIENNIAL COUNTY OR NOVEMBER ODD-YEAR ELECTION.

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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>.)*

Current law authorizes a county to propose a county public safety improvements tax by submitting a ballot question to the voters of the county at a general election only. The bill authorizes a county to also submit such a ballot question at a biennial county election or an election held in November of an odd-numbered year.

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

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-11-107.9, **amend**  
3 (3) as follows:

4           **30-11-107.9. County tax for public safety improvements -**  
5 **definitions.** (3) The board of county commissioners of a county may by  
6 resolution approve a proposal for a county public safety improvements  
7 tax; thereupon the public safety improvements tax proposal shall be  
8 submitted to the registered electors of the county at the EARLIEST OF THE  
9 next general election, THE NEXT BIENNIAL COUNTY ELECTION, OR THE  
10 NEXT ELECTION HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER IN AN  
11 ODD-NUMBERED YEAR. The proposal shall contain a description of the tax  
12 including its purposes and shall state the amount to be imposed. The  
13 proposal may include a provision to also seek voter approval to retain and  
14 expend all or a portion of the revenues of the tax from district fiscal year  
15 spending for purposes of section 20 of article X of the state constitution.  
16 The conduct of the election shall conform so far as practicable to the  
17 general election laws of the state and with the provisions of said section  
18 20.

19           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.