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Research Note

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Sponsors

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Short Title

*Charitable Solicitations
Regulation*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which becomes effective October 1, 2018, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

The Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act was enacted in 1988. The act requires charitable organizations that intend to solicit contributions to annually register with and submit annual financial reports to the Secretary of State. The act also requires professional fundraising consultants and paid solicitors to register with and make certain filings with the Secretary of State. The act allows the Secretary of State to assess fines for failure to register or file a financial report after notification that a deadline has been missed.

House Action

House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee (February 23, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from the Department of State and the Colorado Nonprofit Association and one private citizen testified in support of the bill.

The committee adopted amendments L.002 and L.004 and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Appropriations Committee. Amendment L.002 states that a charitable organization that fails to renew its registration and fails to file its financial report is subject to a single fine for the failure to renew its registration. Amendment L.004 allows the Secretary of State to notify charitable organizations, professional fundraising consultants, and paid solicitors about failing to properly

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register, renew a registration, or file a financial report by email in addition to notifying the entity by first-class mail.

House Appropriations Committee (March 8, 2017). The committee adopted amendment L.005 and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole. Amendment L.005 changed the effective date of the bill from July 1, 2018, to October 1, 2018.

House second reading (March 10, 2017). The House adopted the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs and Appropriations committee reports. The House passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

House third reading (March 13, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee (March 22, 2017). At the hearing, a representative from the Department of State testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Appropriations Committee (April 11, 2017). The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (April 13, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (April 18, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.