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SENATE BILL 22-062

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES.

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/>.)

Committee on Legal Services. The bill directs the committee on legal services (committee) to adopt its own rules of procedure. The bill authorizes the committee to approve questions concerning retention of legal counsel or other time-sensitive matters by poll of the committee in lieu of a meeting, unless a committee member objects. If the committee approves a question, other than a question concerning retention of legal counsel, the committee must ratify the approval at the next committee meeting.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-502, **amend** (5),
3 and **add** (8) as follows:

4 **2-3-502. Committee on legal services - membership - duties.**

5 (5) The committee shall select from among its members a ~~chairman~~
6 COMMITTEE CHAIR and a ~~vice-chairman~~ VICE-CHAIR, AND IT SHALL
7 PRESCRIBE ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE. The committee may meet as
8 often as necessary, but it shall meet at least twice in each calendar year.

9 (8) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 24-6-402 TO
10 THE CONTRARY, THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE QUESTION OF
11 RETAINING LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-1001, OR TAKE
12 ACTION ON A QUESTION CONCERNING A TIME-SENSITIVE MATTER AS
13 IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR, BY A POLL OF THE
14 COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITHOUT HOLDING A MEETING, UNLESS A
15 COMMITTEE MEMBER OBJECTS TO POLLING ON THE QUESTION. THE
16 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES OR THE
17 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT THE POLL BY IN-PERSON,
18 ELECTRONIC, OR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
19 APPROVAL OF THE QUESTION BY A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE
20 MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO THE POLL HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS IF THE
21 QUESTION WERE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE
22 MEMBERS TAKEN IN A COMMITTEE MEETING. IF THE COMMITTEE APPROVES
23 A QUESTION BY POLL, OTHER THAN A QUESTION CONCERNING RETENTION
24 OF LEGAL COUNSEL, THE COMMITTEE SHALL RATIFY APPROVAL OF THE
25 QUESTION BY MOTION AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AFTER THE
26 POLL IS TAKEN.

1 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
4 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
5 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
6 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
7 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
8 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.