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STATE OF COLORADO**

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on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

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HOUSE BILL 24-1100

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A CORONER BE CERTIFIED BY THE**
102 **AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATORS OR**
103 **THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY IN FORENSIC**
104 **PATHOLOGY.**

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>.)

The bill requires a coroner of a county with a population greater than 150,000 to be either a death investigator certified by and in good standing with the American board of medicolegal death investigators or

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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 16, 2024

a forensic pathologist certified by and in good standing with the American board of pathology (qualifications). County commissioners of a county with a population of 150,000 or less may impose the qualifications upon an affirmative majority vote of the commissioners.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.5, **amend**
3 (1)(b) and (1)(c); and **add** (1)(d) as follows:

4 **30-10-601.5. Qualifications - fingerprints.** (1) A person is
5 eligible to hold the office of coroner if the person:

6 (b) Has earned a high school diploma or its equivalent or a college
7 degree; **and**

8 (c) Has given a set of fingerprints in accordance with subsection
9 (2) of this section; **AND**

10 (d) **FOR A CORONER ELECTED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 5, 2024,**
11 **IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY**
12 **THOUSAND, IS A DEATH INVESTIGATOR CERTIFIED BY AND IN GOOD**
13 **STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICOLEGAL DEATH**
14 **INVESTIGATORS OR IS A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST CERTIFIED BY AND IN**
15 **GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY; OR**

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17 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
20 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
21 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
22 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.