CHAPTER 62

## **GOVERNMENT - COUNTY**

HOUSE BILL 24-1100

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## AN ACT

## CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A CORONER BE CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATORS OR THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY IN FORENSIC PATHOLOGY.

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

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

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

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

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

(d) For a coroner elected on or after November 5, 2024, in a county with a population greater than one hundred fifty thousand, is a death investigator certified by and in good standing with the American board of medicolegal death investigators or is a forensic pathologist certified by and in good standing with the American board.

**SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed

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pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 11, 2024