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SENATE BILL 17-071

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REDUCTIONS IN EARLY VOTING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS**
102 **FOR VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS USED IN GENERAL**
103 **ELECTIONS.**

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>.)

For general elections, counties with at least 25,000 active electors are currently required to designate at least one voter service and polling center (VSPC) for each 30,000 active electors during the period of early voting. The bill maintains this provision for the second 7 days of early voting, but changes this figure for the first 7 days of early voting so that

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at least one VSPC is required for each 75,000 active electors in those counties.

For all counties, the bill also removes the requirement that VSPCs be open on the first Saturday during the 15-day period prior to election day.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-102.9, **amend** (1)(a)(I)(A) and (2) as follows:

1-5-102.9. Voter service and polling centers - number required - services provided - drop-off locations - repeal. (1) (a) For general elections, each county clerk and recorder shall designate a minimum number of voter service and polling centers, as follows:

(I) For counties with at least twenty-five thousand active electors:

(A) During the period designated for early voting, DURING THE FIRST SEVEN DAYS OF EARLY VOTING, at least one voter service and polling center for each ~~thirty~~ SEVENTY-FIVE thousand active electors, AND DURING THE FOLLOWING SEVEN DAYS OF EARLY VOTING UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING ELECTION DAY, AT LEAST ONE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER FOR EACH THIRTY THOUSAND ACTIVE ELECTORS; except that there must be at least one voter service and polling center in each such county; and

(2) Voter service and polling centers must be open, at a minimum, for the fifteen-day period prior to and including the day of the election; except that voter service and polling centers are not required to be open ON THE FIRST SATURDAY DURING THE FIFTEEN-DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO THE ELECTION AND on Sundays.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following

1 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
2 general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,
3 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
4 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
5 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
6 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
7 to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the
8 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

9 (2) This act applies to elections conducted on or after the
10 applicable effective date of this act.