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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO FACILITATE VOTER REGISTRATION OF**
102 **INDIVIDUALS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

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>.)

Section 1 of the bill allows a person on parole to preregister to vote. A person who preregisters is required to meet all the requirements of a person who registers. When the secretary of state (secretary) receives notice that the person has been released from parole, the person is automatically registered to vote. **Section 2** makes a conforming amendment to the self-affirmation made by a person who is registering or

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preregistering.

Section 3 requires the division of adult parole (division) to facilitate the voting rights of people being released from parole. The division is required to provide information to individuals on parole about their right to preregister to vote. When a person is being released from parole, the division is required to provide information about the person's right to vote, how the person can register or update their registration, how to obtain and cast a ballot, and how to get voter information materials. The division must send a report of individuals being released from parole to the secretary in order to allow the registration of any individual who has preregistered.

Section 4 requires a probation officer to provide information to an individual on probation about the person's right to vote, how the person can register or update their registration, how to obtain and cast a ballot, and how to get voter information materials.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-101, **add** (3) as
3 follows:

4 **1-2-101. Qualifications for registration - preregistration.**

5 (3) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 1-2-103 (4), A PERSON WHO IS
6 OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO REGISTER AND IS ON PAROLE MAY PREREGISTER
7 AND UPDATE HIS OR HER PREREGISTERED INFORMATION IN THE MANNER
8 PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

9 (b) WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE RECEIVES NOTIFICATION
10 UNDER SECTION 17-2-102 (14)(d) THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
11 PREREGISTERED UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION HAS BEEN
12 RELEASED FROM PAROLE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY
13 REGISTERED TO VOTE.

14 (c) THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1-2-201 APPLY
15 TO A PERSON PREREGISTERING TO VOTE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3).

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-205, **amend** (2)
17 as follows:

1 **1-2-205. Self-affirmation made by elector.** (2) Each elector
2 making application for registration OR PREREGISTRATION shall make the
3 following self-affirmation: "I, ..., affirm that I am a citizen of the United
4 States; I have been a resident of the state of Colorado for at least
5 twenty-two days immediately prior to an election in which I intend to
6 vote; and I am at least sixteen years old and understand that I must be
7 eighteen years old to be eligible to vote. I further affirm that my present
8 address as stated herein is my sole legal place of residence, that I claim
9 no other place as my legal residence, and that I understand that I am
10 committing a felony if I knowingly give false information regarding my
11 place of present residence. I certify under penalty of perjury that I meet
12 the registration OR PREREGISTRATION qualifications OF THIS STATE; that
13 the information I have provided on this application is true to the best of
14 my knowledge and belief; and that I have not, nor will I, cast more than
15 one ballot in any election."

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-2-102, **add** (14)
17 as follows:

18 **17-2-102. Division of adult parole - general powers, duties, and**
19 **functions - definition - repeal.** (14) (a) THE DIVISION OF ADULT PAROLE
20 SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, FACILITATE THE VOTING RIGHTS OF
21 INDIVIDUALS BEING RELEASED FROM PAROLE.

22 (b) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2019, THE DIVISION OF ADULT PAROLE
23 SHALL PROVIDE, AT THE INITIAL MEETING WITH THE INDIVIDUAL,
24 INFORMATION REGARDING HOW HE OR SHE MAY PREREGISTER TO VOTE
25 UNDER SECTION 1-2-101 (3).

26 (c) PRIOR TO AN INDIVIDUAL BEING DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE,
27 THE DIVISION OF ADULT PAROLE SHALL PROVIDE, AT THE LAST MEETING

1 THE OFFICER HAS WITH HIM OR HER, INFORMATION REGARDING:

2 (I) THE INDIVIDUAL'S VOTING RIGHTS;

3 (II) HOW THE INDIVIDUAL MAY REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE OR
4 CONFIRM HIS OR HER VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD;

5 (III) HOW TO OBTAIN AND CAST A BALLOT; AND

6 (IV) HOW TO OBTAIN VOTER INFORMATION MATERIALS.

7 (d) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2019, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE
8 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON A REGULAR BASIS A REPORT OF ALL
9 INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM PAROLE SINCE THE DATE OF THE PREVIOUS
10 REPORT. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO
11 IDENTIFY AND REGISTER ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PREREGISTERED
12 UNDER SECTION 1-2-101 (3).

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-11-209, **add** (5)
14 as follows:

15 **16-11-209. Duties of probation officers.** (5) A PROBATION
16 OFFICER ASSIGNED TO AN INDIVIDUAL ON PROBATION SHALL PROVIDE
17 INFORMATION TO THAT INDIVIDUAL REGARDING:

18 (a) THE INDIVIDUAL'S VOTING RIGHTS;

19 (b) HOW THE INDIVIDUAL MAY REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE OR
20 CONFIRM HIS OR HER VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD;

21 (c) HOW TO OBTAIN AND CAST A BALLOT; AND

22 (d) HOW TO OBTAIN VOTER INFORMATION MATERIALS.

23 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** Sections
24 1 and 2 of this act take effect July 1, 2019, and the remainder of this act
25 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
26 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
27 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a

1 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
2 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
3 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
4 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
5 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor; except that
7 sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect July 1, 2019. _____