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### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 24-001

101	SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF
102	<b>COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION</b>
103	CONCERNING ALLOWING COLORADO LAWMAKERS TO PASS
104	LAWS THAT PERMIT VICTIMS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE TO
105	BRING A CIVIL CLAIM FOR THE SEXUAL ABUSE REGARDLESS OF
106	WHEN THE SEXUAL ABUSE OCCURRED.

#### **Resolution Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this resolution as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this resolution passes third reading in the house of introduction, a resolution summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this resolution will be available at <u>http://leg.colorado.gov/</u>.)

The Colorado constitution prohibits the general assembly from

enacting law that is retrospective in its operation. The concurrent resolution amends the Colorado constitution to authorize the general assembly to pass a retrospective law that permits a victim of sexual abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor to bring a civil claim for the sexual abuse. The concurrent resolution permits the general assembly to waive governmental immunity, by a law that is retrospective in its operation, for a child sexual abuse civil claim.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General
 Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives
 concurring herein:

4 **SECTION 1.** At the election held on November 5, 2024, the 5 secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the 6 ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state 7 constitution:

8 In the constitution of the state of Colorado, amend section 11 of9 article II as follows:

10 Section 11. Ex post facto laws. (1) No ex post facto law, nor law 11 impairing the obligation of contracts, or retrospective in its operation, or 12 making any irrevocable grant of special privileges, franchises or 13 immunities, shall be passed by the general assembly, EXCEPT AS 14 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY PASS A LAW THAT IS RETROSPECTIVE IN ITS
OPERATION THAT PERMITS A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE THAT OCCURRED
WHILE THE VICTIM WAS A MINOR TO BRING A CIVIL CLAIM FOR THE SEXUAL
ABUSE. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY WAIVE, BY A LAW THAT IS
RETROSPECTIVE IN ITS OPERATION, GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY FOR A
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CIVIL CLAIM.

22 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote

either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall
there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution allowing Colorado
lawmakers to pass laws that permit victims of childhood sexual abuse to
bring a civil claim for the sexual abuse regardless of when the sexual
abuse occurred?"

6 SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123, 7 Colorado Revised Statutes, if a majority of the electors voting on the 8 ballot title vote "Yes/For", then the amendment will become part of the 9 state constitution.