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House Bill 16-1111

Sponsors

*Representative Coram
(None)*

Short Title

*Same Day Voter Registration
With Photo ID*

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Status

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on March 2, 2016.

Summary

This bill refers a measure to Colorado voters changing state law concerning voter registration on or immediately prior to election day. Under current law, eligible electors may register to vote at any time prior to voting, including on election day. This bill specifies that anyone who registers to vote on election day or within the 22 days prior to an election must, in addition to meeting existing requirements, provide one of several types of valid photo identification, including:

- a Colorado driver's license;
- an identification card issued by the Department of Revenue;
- a U.S. passport;
- a government employee identification card;
- a pilot's license;
- a U.S. military identification card;
- a student identification card issued by a Colorado institution of higher education;
- a veteran health identification card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- a federally recognized tribal identification card.

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Background

Current election laws allow eligible electors to register to vote at any time prior to voting, including on election day. To be eligible to register, an elector must have resided in Colorado for at least 22 days.

House Action

House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee (March 2, 2016). At the hearing, the Secretary of State, three county clerks and recorders, a representative of the Montrose County Chamber of Commerce, and one private citizen testified in support of the bill. Representatives from New Era Colorado, the ACLU of Colorado, the League of Women Voters of Colorado, Mi Familia Vota, the Colorado AFL-CIO, Disability Law Colorado, Colorado Common Cause, and one private citizen testified against the bill. The committee postponed the bill indefinitely.

Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *Colorado 2014 Election Guide*, Issue Brief, June 2014: <http://tinyurl.com/z2bm38l>