

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-first General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted  
on Second Reading in the Second House*

LLS NO. 17-1200.01 Jason Gelender x4330

**HOUSE BILL 17-1342**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A COUNTY TO SUBMIT A BALLOT**  
102                      **QUESTION FOR A COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TAX**  
103                      **AT A BIENNIAL COUNTY OR NOVEMBER ODD-YEAR ELECTION.**

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**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>.)*

Current law authorizes a county to propose a county public safety improvements tax by submitting a ballot question to the voters of the county at a general election only. The bill authorizes a county to also submit such a ballot question at a biennial county election or an election held in November of an odd-numbered year.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 8, 2017

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 28, 2017

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 27, 2017

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-11-107.9, **amend**  
3 (3) as follows:

4           **30-11-107.9. County tax for public safety improvements -**  
5 **definitions.** (3) The board of county commissioners of a county may by  
6 resolution approve a proposal for a county public safety improvements  
7 tax; thereupon the public safety improvements tax proposal ~~shall~~ **MUST** be  
8 submitted to the registered electors of the county at the \_\_\_ next general  
9 election, THE NEXT BIENNIAL COUNTY ELECTION, OR THE NEXT ELECTION  
10 HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER IN AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR  
11 AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The proposal  
12 shall contain a description of the tax including its purposes and shall state  
13 the amount to be imposed. The proposal may include a provision to also  
14 seek voter approval to retain and expend all or a portion of the revenues  
15 of the tax from district fiscal year spending for purposes of section 20 of  
16 article X of the state constitution. The conduct of the election shall  
17 conform so far as practicable to the general election laws of the state and  
18 with the provisions of said section 20.

19           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.