A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DISPLAY OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION IN THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING.

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.)

The bill requires the state archivist to develop and implement a plan to provide a permanent public display of the original Colorado constitution in the state capitol building. The plan must be approved by the capitol building advisory committee and the capital development committee. State archives would be responsible for constructing and maintaining the display as well as protecting and preserving the state
constitution itself. State archives would have the authority to accept bequests, gifts, or grants in addition to any appropriations for the display.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-80-116 as follows:

24-80-116. Display of original state constitution in state capitol.

(1) The state archivist shall develop and implement a plan to provide a permanent public display of the original draft of the Colorado constitution inside the state capitol building. The state archivist shall submit the plan, no later than January 1, 2020, to the state capitol building advisory committee and the capital development committee for evaluation and approval in accordance with the criteria and procedures for placing other displays within the state capitol building pursuant to section 24-82-108 (3)(h). The display may include other objects and educational materials related to the adoption and history of the Colorado constitution.

(2) The state archives:

(a) Shall provide for the construction and maintenance of the display;

(b) Remains the legal custodian of the Colorado constitution and is responsible for the continuing protection and preservation of the document in accordance with section 24-80-106;

(c) Has the authority to allow the Colorado constitution to be removed periodically from the display for restoration purposes or to make it available for occasional temporary
MUSEUM OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SECURE DISPLAYS; AND

(d) HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY BEQUESTS,
GIFTS, OR GRANTS OF ANY KIND FROM ANY PRIVATE SOURCE OR FROM ANY
GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, IN ADDITION TO ANY APPROPRIATIONS, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.