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SENATE BILL 22-047

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF REGISTERED ELECTORS TO UPDATE**
102 **VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS WHEN THEY CHANGE THEIR**
103 **ADDRESS ON A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION OR DRIVER'S**
104 **LICENSE.**

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 directs the department of revenue, the secretary of state, and the office of information technology to conduct a study concerning the need for and feasibility of allowing registered electors to update the

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address of record on their voter registration record when they update their address on their vehicle registration or update their address on their driver's license.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
3 hereby finds and declares that ensuring that Coloradans have accessible
4 and convenient options to update their voter records is a matter of
5 importance to ensure the provision of excellent customer service. The
6 purpose of the study required by this act is to determine ways to share
7 data to improve functionality and connectivity between the secretary of
8 state and the department of revenue. There is an important interest in
9 reducing the circumstances of having ballots returned for incorrect
10 address information of the registered elector. As such, it is critical to
11 determine if coordination between the system used by county clerk and
12 recorders to update addresses on vehicle registrations and the system used
13 by the department of revenue to update addresses on drivers' licenses can
14 reduce returned ballots and, if so, the necessary technical infrastructure
15 that needs to be implemented to provide for this coordination and if there
16 are additional adjustments to processes between these entities that may be
17 practicable to reduce returned ballots.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-2-213.4 as
19 follows:

20 **1-2-213.4. Vehicle registration - voter registration option -**
21 **repeal.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TOGETHER WITH THE
22 SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,
23 SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY ASSESSING THE NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF
24 ALLOWING REGISTERED ELECTORS TO UPDATE THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE

1 ADDRESS, AND, THEREBY, THE ADDRESS OF RECORD ON THEIR VOTER
2 REGISTRATION RECORD WHEN REGISTERING A VEHICLE, IF THE REGISTERED
3 ELECTOR'S ADDRESS HAS CHANGED FOR PURPOSES OF THE VEHICLE
4 REGISTRATION AND IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ADDRESS OF RECORD ON THEIR
5 VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD. THE STUDY SHALL:

6 (a) CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO
7 CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS ON THEIR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ON THEIR
8 VOTER REGISTRATION FROM JANUARY 1, 2020, THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
9 2020;

10 (b) CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF UNDELIVERABLE BALLOTS FROM
11 JANUARY 1, 2020, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND MAY DETERMINE
12 THE NUMBER OF UNDELIVERABLE BALLOTS FOR WHICH THE REGISTERED
13 ELECTOR UPDATED THE ADDRESS ON THEIR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, BUT
14 NOT THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION, PROVIDED THAT ALL PERSONAL
15 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL; AND

16 (c) EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS
17 NECESSARY TO UPDATE THE PROGRAMMING AND SYSTEMS USED BY
18 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDERS FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR UPDATING ADDRESSES ON DRIVERS'
20 LICENSES IN ORDER TO GIVE DEPARTMENTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES THE
21 ABILITY TO ALLOW REGISTERED ELECTORS TO UPDATE THEIR ADDRESS ON
22 THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND, THEREBY, THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION
23 RECORD WHEN UPDATING THE ADDRESS ON THEIR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

24 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TOGETHER WITH THE
25 SECRETARY OF STATE AND OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, SHALL
26 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE JOINT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, OR ANY
27 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, SETTING FORTH THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

1 OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15,
2 2023. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO DEVELOP
3 AN EFFECTUATE AN OPTION FOR REGISTERED ELECTORS TO UPDATE THEIR
4 VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD WHEN UPDATING THE ADDRESS ON THEIR
5 VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND OTHER POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS TO
6 PROCESSES THAT MAY IMPROVE ACCURACY OF VOTER RECORDS.

7 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.

8 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
11 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
12 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
13 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
14 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
15 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.