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An Act

SENATE BILL 22-062

BY SENATOR(S) Lee and Gardner, Cooke, Rodriguez, Buckner, Gonzales, Holbert, Moreno;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Soper and Weissman, Bacon, Gray, Herod, Jodeh, McCluskie, Snyder.

CONCERNING PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-502, **amend** (5), and **add** (8) as follows:

2-3-502. Committee on legal services - membership - duties. (5)
The committee shall select from among its members a ~~chairman~~ COMMITTEE CHAIR and a ~~vice-chairman~~ VICE-CHAIR, AND IT SHALL PRESCRIBE ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE. The committee may meet as often as necessary, but it shall meet at least twice in each calendar year.

(8) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 24-6-402 TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE QUESTION OF RETAINING LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-1001 BY A POLL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITHOUT HOLDING A MEETING, UNLESS A

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

COMMITTEE MEMBER OBJECTS TO POLLING ON THE QUESTION. THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT THE POLL BY IN-PERSON, ELECTRONIC, OR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS. APPROVAL OF THE QUESTION BY A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO THE POLL HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS IF THE QUESTION WERE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TAKEN IN A COMMITTEE MEETING. IF THE COMMITTEE APPROVES A QUESTION BY POLL, THE COMMITTEE SHALL POST ON THE COMMITTEE WEBSITE A NOTICE OF VOTE TO RETAIN COUNSEL THAT AT A MINIMUM SPECIFIES THE NAME OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL TO BE RETAINED, THE LEGAL MATTER FOR WHICH THE LEGAL COUNSEL WILL PROVIDE REPRESENTATION, AND THE COMMITTEE, AGENCY, OR INDIVIDUAL THAT THE LEGAL COUNSEL WILL REPRESENT. THE NOTICE OF VOTE TO RETAIN COUNSEL SHALL BE POSTED WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE POLL IS COMPLETED.

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; 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 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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