

CHAPTER 98

**ELECTIONS**

**HOUSE BILL 98-1363**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Taylor and Allen;  
also SENATOR Thiebaut.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE PROVISION BY ELECTORS OF THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF AN ELECTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN CONNECTION WITH VOTER REGISTRATION.

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

**SECTION 1.** 1-2-204 (2) (g), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 1-2-204 (2) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

**1-2-204. Questions answered by elector.** (2) In addition, each eligible elector shall be asked, and the elector shall correctly answer, the following:

(f.5) THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE ELECTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, IF THE ELECTOR WISHES TO STATE IT;

(g) The elector's COMPLETE social security number, if the elector wishes to state it;

**SECTION 2.** 1-2-204, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

**1-2-204. Questions answered by elector.** (4) (a) IN THE EVENT THAT THE REGISTRATION RECORD OF A REGISTERED ELECTOR DOES NOT CONTAIN THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE ELECTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL REQUEST THE ELECTOR TO PROVIDE EITHER THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SUCH ELECTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR THE ELECTOR'S FULL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IF THE ELECTOR WISHES TO STATE SUCH NUMBER. SUCH A REQUEST SHALL BE MADE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTOR BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER:

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(I) IN ANY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION BY MAIL FROM THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TO SUCH REGISTERED ELECTOR INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A VOTER INFORMATION CARD PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-206 OR AN ELECTOR INFORMATION CARD PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-2-605;

(II) AT THE REGISTERED ELECTOR'S POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION;

(III) AT THE REGISTERED ELECTOR'S EARLY VOTERS' POLLING PLACE;

(IV) IN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FORM OR IN MATERIALS TO BE RETURNED BY THE REGISTERED ELECTOR WITH THE ABSENTEE BALLOT.

(b) NO REGISTERED ELECTOR SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM VOTING AT ANY ELECTION FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE ELECTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR THE ELECTOR'S FULL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PURSUANT TO A REQUEST MADE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4).

(c) ANY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF AN ELECTOR THAT IS OBTAINED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FROM SUCH ELECTOR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL AND SHALL NOT BE PUBLISHED OR BE OPEN TO OR AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL DEVELOP APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH NUMBERS.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Became Law: April 14, 1998