

CHAPTER 122

ELECTIONS

HOUSE BILL 13-1147

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Melton, Buckner, Court, Duran, Exum, Fields, Fischer, Lebsock, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Ryden, Salazar, Singer, Tyler, Williams, Foote, Ginal, Hammer, Hulinghorst, Labuda, McLachlan, Pabon, Pettersen, Primavera, Rosenthal, Schafer, Young;
also SENATOR(S) Newell, Todd, Ulibarri, Aguilar, Carroll, Giron, Guzman, Heath, Hodge, Hudak, Jones, Nicholson, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Morse.

AN ACT

CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION FACILITATED BY STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-2-213.5 as follows:

1-2-213.5. State institutions of higher education - electronic voter registration option - information to students. (1) (a) ANY STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-1-108 (7) (g) (II), C.R.S., THAT UTILIZES AN ELECTRONIC COURSE REGISTRATION PROCESS SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH STUDENT REGISTERING ELECTRONICALLY FOR COURSES AT THE INSTITUTION THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE BY GIVING EACH STUDENT THE OPTION TO BE ELECTRONICALLY DIRECTED TO THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE SO THAT HE OR SHE MAY REGISTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-2-202.5. THE OPTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS EITHER DURING OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR EACH TERM OR SEMESTER.

(b) EACH STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL IMPLEMENT THE ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION OPTION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, BUT NOT LATER THAN THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE TO ITS ELECTRONIC COURSE REGISTRATION SYSTEM PROCESS.

(2) A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT DOES NOT UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC COURSE REGISTRATION PROCESS SHALL PROVIDE TO STUDENTS INFORMATION REGARDING HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE, INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM,

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

PROMINENTLY POSTING SUCH INFORMATION IN A CLEARLY VISIBLE AREA OF THE INSTITUTION'S REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

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 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); 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 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 18, 2013