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STATE OF COLORADO**

PREAMENDED

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SENATE BILL 22-062

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Lee and Gardner, Cooke, Rodriguez

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Soper and Weissman,

Senate Committees
Judiciary

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES.**

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/>.)

Committee on Legal Services. The bill directs the committee on legal services (committee) to adopt its own rules of procedure. The bill authorizes the committee to approve questions concerning retention of legal counsel or other time-sensitive matters by poll of the committee in lieu of a meeting, unless a committee member objects. If the committee approves a question, other than a question concerning retention of legal counsel, the committee must ratify the approval at the next committee meeting.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

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

4 **2-3-502. Committee on legal services - membership - duties.**

5 (5) The committee shall select from among its members a ~~chairman~~
6 COMMITTEE CHAIR and a ~~vice-chairman~~ VICE-CHAIR, AND IT SHALL
7 PRESCRIBE ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE. The committee may meet as
8 often as necessary, but it shall meet at least twice in each calendar year.

9 (8) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 24-6-402 TO
10 THE CONTRARY, THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE QUESTION OF
11 RETAINING LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-1001 BY A POLL OF
12 THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITHOUT HOLDING A MEETING, UNLESS A
13 COMMITTEE MEMBER OBJECTS TO POLLING ON THE QUESTION. THE
14 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES OR THE
15 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT THE POLL BY IN-PERSON,
16 ELECTRONIC, OR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
17 APPROVAL OF THE QUESTION BY A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE
18 MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO THE POLL HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS IF THE
19 QUESTION WERE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE
20 MEMBERS TAKEN IN A COMMITTEE MEETING. IF THE COMMITTEE APPROVES
21 A QUESTION BY POLL, THE COMMITTEE SHALL POST ON THE COMMITTEE
22 WEBSITE A NOTICE OF VOTE TO RETAIN COUNSEL THAT AT A MINIMUM
23 SPECIFIES THE NAME OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL TO BE RETAINED, THE LEGAL
24 MATTER FOR WHICH THE LEGAL COUNSEL WILL PROVIDE REPRESENTATION,
25 AND THE COMMITTEE, AGENCY, OR INDIVIDUAL THAT THE LEGAL COUNSEL
26 WILL REPRESENT. THE NOTICE OF VOTE TO RETAIN COUNSEL SHALL BE

1 POSTED WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE POLL IS COMPLETED.

2 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
5 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
6 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
7 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
8 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.