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House Committees

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Senate Committees

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22-1002

101 SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF
102 COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION
103 CONCERNING MODERNIZATION OF LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
104 THROUGH ELIMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE FULL
105 TEXT OF ANY BILL BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL
106 ASSEMBLY BE READ ALOUD UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY
107 LEGISLATOR.

Resolution Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this resolution as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this resolution passes third reading in the house of introduction, a resolution summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this resolution will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

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.

The Colorado constitution requires each bill being considered by the general assembly to be read at length on 2 different days in each chamber of the general assembly, but allows any reading at length otherwise required to be dispensed with upon unanimous consent of the legislators present. If approved by a majority of the voters of the state voting on it at the 2022 general election, the concurrent resolution will eliminate the requirement that bills be read at length on 2 different days in each chamber of the general assembly.

1 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

3 **SECTION 1.** At the election held on November 8, 2022, the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the
5 ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state
6 constitution:

7 In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 22 of
8 article V as follows:

9 **Section 22. Reading and passage of bills.** Every bill shall be read
10 by title when introduced and ~~at length~~ on two different days in each
11 house. ~~provided, however, any reading at length may be dispensed with~~
12 ~~upon unanimous consent of the members present.~~ All substantial
13 amendments made thereto shall be printed for the use of the members
14 before the final vote is taken on the bill, and no bill shall become a law
15 except by a vote of the majority of all members elected to each house
16 taken on two separate days in each house, nor unless upon its final
17 passage the vote be taken by ayes and noes and the names of those voting
18 be entered on the journal.

19 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote
20 either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall

1 there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution to modernize
2 legislative business by eliminating the requirement that the full text of any
3 bill being considered by the general assembly be read aloud upon the
4 request of any legislator?"

5 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123,
6 Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors
7 voting on the ballot title vote "Yes/For", then the amendment will become
8 part of the state constitution.