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HOUSE BILL 23-1028

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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(None),

House Committees

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
102 **OBTAINING A NAME BADGE INDICATING THAT THE FORMER**
103 **MEMBER SERVED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

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>.)

The bill allows a former member of the general assembly to obtain a name badge indicating that the former member served in the general assembly. To obtain a former member name badge, the former member must submit an application to the secretary of the senate (secretary) or the chief clerk of the house of representatives (chief clerk), depending on

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which chamber of the general assembly the former member served in, or to either the secretary or the chief clerk if the former member served in both chambers. The former member is responsible for the costs associated with obtaining a former member name badge. The secretary of the senate and the chief clerk are required to jointly develop uniform application procedures for obtaining a former member name badge, and the design and color of the badge. The bill requires that the badge state "Former Representative", "Former Senator", or "Former Representative and Senator", depending on which chamber or chambers of the general assembly the former member served in.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 2-2-328 as
3 follows:

4 **2-2-328. Former member name badge - legislative declaration**
5 **- application - definitions.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY
6 DECLARES THAT SERVING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS A GREAT HONOR
7 WORTHY OF COMMEMORATION. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER
8 DECLARES THAT COMMEMORATING AN INDIVIDUAL'S SERVICE IN THE
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH A FORMER MEMBER NAME BADGE WILL
10 APPROPRIATELY HONOR AN INDIVIDUAL'S SERVICE AND ALLOW A FORMER
11 MEMBER TO ENJOY THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING SERVED IN THE GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY.

13 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
14 REQUIRES:

15 (a) "FORMER MEMBER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS DULY
16 ELECTED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR DULY
17 APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY.

19 (b) "NAME BADGE" MEANS A RECTANGULAR OBJECT TYPICALLY
20 WORN ON CLOTHING THAT IDENTIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND

1 OCCUPATION OR POSITION WITHIN AN ORGANIZATION.

2 (3) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2024, A FORMER MEMBER MAY
3 OBTAIN A NAME BADGE INDICATING THAT THE FORMER MEMBER WAS A
4 MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION
5 AND THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

6 (4) (a) TO OBTAIN A FORMER MEMBER NAME BADGE, A FORMER
7 MEMBER MUST SUBMIT THE UNIFORM APPLICATION DEVELOPED PURSUANT
8 TO SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
9 IF THE FORMER MEMBER WAS A SENATOR, TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE
10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THE FORMER MEMBER WAS A
11 REPRESENTATIVE, OR TO EITHER THE SECRETARY OR THE CHIEF CLERK IF
12 THE FORMER MEMBER WAS BOTH A SENATOR AND A REPRESENTATIVE.

13 (b) THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE
14 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL JOINTLY DEVELOP UNIFORM
15 APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING A FORMER MEMBER NAME BADGE
16 AND FOR THE DESIGN AND COLOR OF THE FORMER MEMBER NAME BADGE.

17 (5) (a) A FORMER MEMBER NAME BADGE MUST STATE THE
18 FOLLOWING:

19 (I) IF A FORMER MEMBER WAS A SENATOR, THE FORMER MEMBER
20 NAME BADGE MUST STATE "FORMER SENATOR" FOLLOWED BY THE
21 FORMER MEMBER'S NAME;

22 (II) IF A FORMER MEMBER WAS A REPRESENTATIVE, THE FORMER
23 MEMBER NAME BADGE MUST STATE "FORMER REPRESENTATIVE"
24 FOLLOWED BY THE FORMER MEMBER'S NAME; OR

25 (III) IF THE FORMER MEMBER WAS BOTH A REPRESENTATIVE AND
26 A SENATOR, THE FORMER MEMBER NAME BADGE MUST STATE "FORMER
27 REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR" FOLLOWED BY THE FORMER MEMBER'S

1 NAME.

2 (b) A FORMER MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS
3 ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROCUREMENT OF THE FORMER MEMBER NAME
4 BADGE.

5 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.