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SENATE BILL 24-098

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Senate Committees

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEES,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE REFERENDUM**
103 **POWER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND**
104 **THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.**

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>.)

A bill is exempt from the referendum power described in the state constitution if there is a safety clause on the bill.

This bill creates a referendum power committee of the house of

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

1 REPRESENTATIVES CONSISTS OF SIX MEMBERS SELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

2 (a) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND

4 (b) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

6 (2) THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AS NECESSARY
8 DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

9 (3) THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR AT THE FIRST
11 MEETING HELD DURING EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

12 (4) (a) THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL REVIEW EVERY BILL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE
14 OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH A SAFETY CLAUSE.

15 (b) IN REVIEWING A BILL, THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF
16 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A BILL
17 REQUIRES A SAFETY CLAUSE BY CONSIDERING WHETHER THE BILL IS
18 NECESSARY FOR:

19 (I) THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH,
20 OR SAFETY; OR

21 (II) APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
22 DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS.

23 (c) THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL ACT AS A COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE ONLY TO
25 THE EXTENT NECESSARY. IF THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE
26 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DETERMINES THAT A BILL DOES NOT REQUIRE
27 A SAFETY CLAUSE, THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE

1 OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL REPLACE THE SAFETY CLAUSE ON A BILL WITH
2 AN ACT SUBJECT TO PETITION CLAUSE OR AMEND THE BILL TO BE A
3 REFERRED MEASURE.

4 **2-3-2003. Referendum power committee of the senate -**
5 **creation - duties.** (1) THERE IS CREATED THE REFERENDUM POWER
6 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE. THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE
7 SENATE CONSISTS OF FOUR MEMBERS SELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

8 (a) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
9 AND

10 (b) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
11 SENATE.

12 (2) THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE SHALL
13 MEET AS NECESSARY DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

14 (3) THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE SHALL
15 ELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR AT THE FIRST MEETING HELD DURING
16 EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

17 (4) (a) THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE
18 SHALL REVIEW EVERY BILL INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE WITH A SAFETY
19 CLAUSE.

20 (b) IN REVIEWING A BILL, THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF
21 THE SENATE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A BILL REQUIRES A SAFETY
22 CLAUSE BY CONSIDERING WHETHER THE BILL IS NECESSARY FOR:

23 (I) THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH,
24 OR SAFETY; OR

25 (II) APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
26 DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS.

27 (c) THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE SHALL

1 ACT AS A COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY. IF
2 THE REFERENDUM POWER COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE DETERMINES THAT
3 A BILL DOES NOT REQUIRE A SAFETY CLAUSE, THE REFERENDUM POWER
4 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE SHALL REPLACE THE SAFETY CLAUSE ON A
5 BILL WITH AN ACT SUBJECT TO PETITION CLAUSE OR AMEND THE BILL TO
6 BE A REFERRED MEASURE.

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