

**First Regular Session
Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. 25-0612.01 Caroline Martin x5902

HOUSE BILL 25-1069

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING INCREASING STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN THE**
102 **LAWMAKING PROCESS THROUGH THE EARLY PUBLISHING OF**
103 **BILLS.**

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 creates a process and establishes a public online forum for a member of the general assembly to publish drafts or titles of the bills that the member is considering introducing during the next legislative session. The bill allows each member to post multiple bill titles, drafts, or a combination of titles and drafts on the online forum and establishes a

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.*

timeline for a member to publish up to 3 versions of each bill title or draft. The bill also requires each bill title or draft published to include a disclaimer stating that the bill is subject to change and may or may not be introduced based on the discretion of the prime sponsor. The web page on which the bill titles and drafts are published must be taken down on the day before the first day of the legislative session.

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. Members may publish bill drafts prior to the**
5 **legislative session.** (1) DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN TWO REGULAR
6 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE A
7 PROCESS BY WHICH, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (2)
8 AND (3) OF THIS SECTION, ANY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OR THE SENATE MAY PUBLISH A TITLE OR DRAFT OF A
10 BILL THAT THE MEMBER IS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING DURING THE NEXT
11 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE BILL TITLES AND DRAFTS MUST BE
12 PUBLISHED ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEB PAGE ON THE WEBSITE OF THE
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ON THE DAY BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE
14 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOLLOWING THE INTERIM DURING WHICH
15 THE BILL TITLES AND DRAFTS WERE POSTED, THE TITLES AND DRAFTS MUST
16 BE REMOVED AND NO LONGER PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OF
17 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

18 (2) DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN TWO REGULAR
19 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO
20 WISHES TO PUBLISH ANY AND ALL BILL TITLES, BILL DRAFTS, OR A
21 COMBINATION OF BILL TITLES AND DRAFTS THAT THE MEMBER IS
22 CONSIDERING INTRODUCING DURING THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION MAY:

1 (a) SUBMIT UP TO THREE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF EACH BILL TITLE
2 OR DRAFT FOR PUBLICATION ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
3 BILL TITLES, BILL DRAFTS, OR ANY SUBSEQUENT VERSIONS DESIGNATED
4 FOR PUBLICATION MAY ONLY BE PUBLISHED OR REMOVED ON THE
5 NINETIETH DAY BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEXT REGULAR
6 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE SIXTIETH DAY BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE
7 NEXT REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION, OR THE THIRTIETH DAY BEFORE THE
8 FIRST DAY OF THE NEXT REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

9 (b) ONLY POST ONE VERSION OF EACH BILL TITLE OR DRAFT IN A
10 SINGLE DAY. ANY PUBLISHED BILL TITLE OR DRAFT MUST REMAIN
11 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
12 UNLESS THE MEMBER WHO POSTED IT REQUESTS THAT IT BE REMOVED,
13 UNTIL A SUBSEQUENT VERSION IS PUBLISHED, OR UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE
14 THE FIRST DAY OF THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION. ANY CHANGES
15 MADE TO THE MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED VERSION OF A BILL DRAFT MUST
16 BE MARKED BY DOUBLE UNDERLINE.

17 (3) EACH BILL TITLE OR DRAFT THAT IS PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO
18 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE
19 FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER: "THIS IS A DRAFT OF A BILL THAT MAY OR MAY
20 NOT BE INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE SENATE
21 OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE UPCOMING REGULAR
22 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE FINAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY
23 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL RESTS EXCLUSIVELY WITH ITS
24 LEGISLATIVE PRIME SPONSOR IN THE CHAMBER IN WHICH THE BILL WILL
25 FIRST BE INTRODUCED IF IT IS INTRODUCED. THIS DRAFT IS NOT FINAL AND
26 IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER INTRODUCTION IN THE
27 FIRST CHAMBER."

1 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
4 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
5 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
6 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
7 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
8 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.