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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF A FIRST RESPONDER OR THE SPOUSE OF
102 A FIRST RESPONDER TO REQUEST THAT THE ADDRESS IN THEIR
103 VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY
104 CLERK AND RECORDER OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE BE KEPT
105 CONFIDENTIAL.

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>.)

Beginning January 1, 2026, an elector or the spouse of an elector who is or has been a peace officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter,

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emergency medical service provider, or other individual who responds to a public safety emergency (first responder) may request that the address included in the following records concerning the first responder be kept confidential (address confidentiality):

- Voter registration records in the custody of a county clerk and recorder; and
- Voter registration records in the centralized statewide registration system maintained by the secretary of state (secretary).

A first responder may request address confidentiality on the electronic voter registration form or record created by the secretary. The secretary is required to ensure that the electronic voter registration form and an elector's voter registration record includes a place for a first responder to indicate that they are a first responder and request address confidentiality. The secretary is also required to ensure that when a first responder indicates on their voter registration form or record that they are requesting address confidentiality, the first responder is automatically directed to an electronic application form that requests certain information to allow the secretary to implement the address confidentiality request.

The secretary is required to provide a copy of each completed application to the clerk and recorder of the county where the first responder is registered to vote for the purpose of implementing address confidentiality for the records maintained by the county clerk and recorder.

The secretary is prohibited from charging a fee in connection with a first responder's request for address confidentiality.

The custodian of any voter registration records that concern a first responder who has requested address confidentiality is required to deny the right of inspection of the first responder's address contained in the records on the ground that disclosure would be contrary to the public interest.

A first responder's request for address confidentiality is not a public record subject to public inspection.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-202.5, **add**
3 (3)(c)(III) and (9) as follows:

4 **1-2-202.5. Online voter registration - online changes in elector**
5 **information.** (3) The electronic voter registration form must include:

1 (c) (III) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, A PLACE FOR THE
2 ELECTOR TO INDICATE THAT THEY ARE A FIRST RESPONDER, AS DEFINED IN
3 SECTION 24-72-204 (3.7)(a), AND REQUEST THAT THE ADDRESS
4 INFORMATION IN THEIR REGISTRATION RECORDS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL
5 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-72-204 (3.7).

6 (9) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
7 SHALL ENSURE THAT A REGISTERED ELECTOR MAY ACCESS THE
8 REGISTERED ELECTOR'S VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGH THE SECRETARY
9 OF STATE'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE, INDICATE THAT THE REGISTERED ELECTOR
10 IS A FIRST RESPONDER AND REQUEST THAT THE ADDRESS INFORMATION IN
11 THEIR REGISTRATION RECORDS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO
12 SECTION 24-72-204 (3.7).

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-204, **add** (3.7)
14 as follows:

15 **24-72-204. Allowance or denial of inspection - grounds -**
16 **procedure - appeal - definitions - repeal.** (3.7) (a) AS USED IN THIS
17 SUBSECTION (3.7), UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "FIRST
18 RESPONDER" MEANS AN ELECTOR, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-1-104 (12),
19 WHO IS OR WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 20 (I) A PEACE OFFICER, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101;
- 21 (II) A FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-5-203 (10);
- 22 (III) A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
23 31-30-1102 (9)(a);
- 24 (IV) AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN
25 SECTION 25-3.5-103 (8);
- 26 (V) ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER AN EMPLOYEE,
27 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, VOLUNTEER, OR OTHER AGENT WHO

1 RESPONDS TO A PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY; OR

2 (VI) THE SPOUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES OR HAS SERVED
3 AS A RESPONDER TO PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCIES AS SPECIFIED IN
4 SUBSECTION (3.7)(a)(I), (3.7)(a)(II), (3.7)(a)(III), (3.7)(a)(IV), OR
5 (3.7)(a)(V) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (b) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, A FIRST RESPONDER MAY
7 REQUEST THAT THE ADDRESS INCLUDED IN ANY PUBLIC RECORD
8 CONCERNING THE FIRST RESPONDER THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE MADE,
9 MAINTAINED, OR KEPT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1-2-227 AND 1-2-301 BE
10 KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

11 (c) (I) A FIRST RESPONDER MAY MAKE THE REQUEST FOR
12 CONFIDENTIALITY ALLOWED BY SUBSECTION (3.7)(b) OF THIS SECTION BY
13 INDICATING ON THE ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION FORM OR RECORD
14 CREATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-2-202.5
15 THAT THEY ARE A FIRST RESPONDER AND REQUESTING THAT THE ADDRESS
16 INFORMATION IN THEIR REGISTRATION RECORDS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL
17 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3.7).

18 (II) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
19 ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION FORM AND AN ELECTOR'S VOTER
20 REGISTRATION RECORD CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-2-202.5
21 INCLUDE A PLACE FOR A FIRST RESPONDER TO INDICATE THAT THEY ARE A
22 FIRST RESPONDER AND REQUEST THAT THE ADDRESS INFORMATION IN
23 THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT
24 TO SUBSECTION (3.7)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

25 (III) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT WHEN A FIRST
26 RESPONDER INDICATES ON THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION FORM OR RECORD
27 THAT THEY ARE A FIRST RESPONDER AND REQUEST THAT THE ADDRESS

1 INFORMATION IN THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS BE KEPT
2 CONFIDENTIAL, THE FIRST RESPONDER IS AUTOMATICALLY DIRECTED TO
3 AN ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FORM DEVELOPED BY THE SECRETARY OF
4 STATE. THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FORM SHALL PROVIDE SPACE FOR
5 THE FIRST RESPONDER TO PROVIDE THEIR NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH,
6 AND ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION DETERMINED BY THE
7 SECRETARY OF STATE TO BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION
8 (3.7). IN ADDITION, THE FORM SHALL INCLUDE AN AFFIRMATION IN THE
9 AREA IMMEDIATELY ABOVE A LINE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER'S
10 SIGNATURE AND THE DATE, STATING THE FOLLOWING: "I SWEAR OR
11 AFFIRM, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT I AM OR HAVE BEEN A FIRST
12 RESPONDER OR AM OR HAVE BEEN THE SPOUSE OF A FIRST RESPONDER AND
13 AM ELIGIBLE TO HAVE MY ADDRESS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO
14 SECTION 24-72-204 (3.7), C.R.S." IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE SIGNATURE
15 LINE, THERE SHALL BE PRINTED A NOTICE, IN A TYPE THAT IS LARGER THAN
16 THE OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE FORM, THAT THE
17 INDIVIDUAL MAY BE PROSECUTED FOR PERJURY IN THE SECOND DEGREE
18 UNDER SECTION 18-8-503 IF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNS SUCH AFFIRMATION
19 BUT IS NOT A FIRST RESPONDER. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ENSURE
20 THAT A FIRST RESPONDER MAY ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THE APPLICATION
21 FORM.

22 (IV) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF EACH
23 COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF THE COUNTY
24 WHERE THE FIRST RESPONDER IS REGISTERED TO VOTE FOR PURPOSES OF
25 THE RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.

26 (V) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT CHARGE A PROCESSING
27 FEE OR ANY OTHER FEE IN CONNECTION WITH A FIRST RESPONDER'S

1 REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3.7).

2 (d) THE CUSTODIAN OF ANY RECORD SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION
3 (3.7)(b) OF THIS SECTION THAT CONCERNS A FIRST RESPONDER WHO HAS
4 MADE A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
5 (3.7) SHALL DENY THE RIGHT OF INSPECTION OF THE FIRST RESPONDER'S
6 ADDRESS CONTAINED IN THE RECORD ON THE GROUND THAT DISCLOSURE
7 WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

8 (e) ANY REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY MADE PURSUANT TO THIS
9 SUBSECTION (3.7) IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT OPEN TO INSPECTION AS A
10 PUBLIC RECORD UNLESS A WRITTEN RELEASE IS EXECUTED BY THE FIRST
11 RESPONDER WHO MADE THE REQUEST.

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