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HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT  
Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources.

HB18-1236 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**  
4 **and relocated provisions** part 2 to article 1 of title 35 as follows:

5 PART 2

6 COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

7 **35-1-201. [Formerly 24-37.3-101] Legislative declaration.**

8 (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

9 (a) In September 2009, the federal centers for disease control and  
10 prevention reported that no state in the United States was meeting  
11 national goals for the amount of fruits and vegetables that Americans  
12 should be eating. As a result, the centers for disease control and  
13 prevention identified the creation of food policy councils, consisting of  
14 multi-stakeholder organizations, as an effective way to support system  
15 changes to improve local, regional, and state food economies.

16 (b) Food councils formed in other states have been effective in  
17 bringing together a broad array of food-related government and  
18 nongovernment constituencies to employ a food systems approach that  
19 facilitates evaluation and program development at every stage of the food  
20 process from farm to table;

21 (c) Formation of a state food advisory council is intended to  
22 benefit Colorado agriculturists and others involved in all aspects of  
23 agricultural production;

24 (d) Creation of a state food advisory council will provide  
25 increased focus on the economic development opportunities of Colorado's  
26 food system along with improvements to agricultural production,  
27 community well-being, and public health; AND

28 (e) Nothing in this ~~article~~ PART 2 is intended to impede, cause  
29 harm to, or limit conventionally produced agricultural products or the  
30 persons who produce them.

31 (2) The general assembly further finds that building local,  
32 regional, and state food economies will create jobs, stimulate statewide  
33 economic development, and circulate money from local food sales within  
34 local communities. The general assembly finds that building robust,  
35 resilient, and long-term local food economies in Colorado will preserve  
36 and protect the natural environment, increase consumer access to fresh,  
37 healthy, and safe foods, and provide greater food security for all  
38 Coloradans.

39 **35-1-202. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE

1 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

2 (1) "FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT  
3 ENCOURAGES THE ACQUISITION AND USE OF LOCALLY GROWN, PRODUCED,  
4 AND PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BY SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO  
5 PROVIDE HEALTHY, LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS AND BENEFIT  
6 THE STATE'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY.

7 (2) "FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE" MEANS FEDERAL AND  
8 COMMUNITY-BASED FOOD PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE FOOD DIRECTLY, OR  
9 SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME TO PURCHASE FOOD, TO ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME  
10 CITIZENS.

11 (3) "SCHOOL" MEANS EARLY CARE INSTITUTIONS THROUGH HIGHER  
12 EDUCATION.

13 **35-1-203. [Formerly 24-37.3-102] Colorado food systems**  
14 **advisory council - created - membership - terms - vacancies - repeal.**

15 (1) There is hereby established in the department of ~~agriculture~~ the  
16 Colorado food systems advisory council, referred to in this ~~article~~ PART  
17 2 as the "council". The council is created as an advisory committee to  
18 ~~foster a healthy food supply available to all Colorado residents while~~  
19 ~~enhancing the state's agricultural and natural resources, encouraging~~  
20 ~~economic growth, expanding the viability of agriculture, and improving~~  
21 ~~the health of our communities and residents. The council's role is to make~~  
22 ~~recommendations to the general assembly and to the appropriate~~  
23 ~~regulatory agencies, not to create policy. The council shall use a method~~  
24 ~~of dialogue and consensus decision-making to arrive at its~~ PROVIDE  
25 recommendations REGARDING INCREASING HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS FOR  
26 ALL COLORADO RESIDENTS, CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
27 COLORADO PRODUCERS AND FOOD-RELATED BUSINESSES, AND  
28 STRENGTHENING LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS.

29 (2) The council consists of: ~~fifteen members as follows:~~

30 (a) ~~The executive director, or his or her designee, of each of the~~  
31 ~~following state departments~~ FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED AS  
32 INDICATED:

33 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
34 APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION;

35 (H) (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF the department of public health  
36 and environment, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
37 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT;

38 (H) (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF the department, ~~of agriculture~~  
39 APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER;

40 (H) (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF the department of human  
41 services, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
42 OF HUMAN SERVICES;

43 (H) (V) ~~The department~~ ONE REPRESENTATIVE of ~~education~~ THE



1 COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICES PROGRAM,  
2 APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
3 EXTENSION SERVICES PROGRAM; AND

4 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COLORADO OFFICE OF  
5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, APPOINTED BY THE  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
7 INTERNATIONAL TRADE;

8 (b) ~~Eleven~~ Members appointed by the governor ~~who represent and~~  
9 ~~have expertise in one of seven functional areas of food systems;~~ OR HIS OR  
10 HER DESIGNEE as follows:

11 (I) Two members who ~~represent nutrition and health~~ ARE  
12 RECIPIENTS OF A FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AT LEAST ONE OF  
13 WHOM IS A RECIPIENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE  
14 PROGRAM;

15 (II) ~~Three~~ TWO members who represent DIFFERENT SECTORS OF  
16 agricultural production, ~~at least one of whom represents a large producer~~  
17 ~~and one a small producer~~ IS A FRUIT OR VEGETABLE PRODUCER AND ONE  
18 OF WHOM SELLS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR  
19 SCHOOL DISTRICT;

20 (III) ~~One member who represents small food wholesalers or food~~  
21 ~~retailers and one member who represents large food wholesalers or food~~  
22 ~~retailers, of which one of the two members may represent both small and~~  
23 ~~large food wholesalers or food retailers~~ TWO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT  
24 FOOD WHOLESALERS OR RETAILERS, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE A DIRECT  
25 MARKET RETAILER;

26 (IV) One member who represents A STATEWIDE anti-hunger ~~and~~  
27 ~~food assistance programs~~ ORGANIZATION;

28 (V) ~~One member~~ TWO MEMBERS who ~~is~~ ARE knowledgeable about  
29 ~~a local, state, or federal agency and who has~~ AGENCIES, ONE OF WHOM  
30 HAS EXPERTISE IN FEDERAL FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE PROGRAMS AND  
31 ONE OF WHOM HAS expertise in rural community and regional  
32 development programs or community and economic development  
33 programs;

34 (VI) One member from an academic institution who specializes  
35 in economic systems, agriculture, or health care;

36 (VII) ~~The director of the Colorado state university extension~~  
37 ~~services program or his or her designee.~~ TWO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT  
38 INSTITUTIONAL PROCUREMENT, ONE OF WHOM IS FROM AN EDUCATIONAL  
39 SETTING AND ONE OF WHOM IS FROM A HEALTH CARE SETTING;

40 (VIII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A LOCAL, NONPROFIT,  
41 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN FARM-TO-SCHOOL OR LOCAL  
42 FOOD SYSTEMS;

43 (IX) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A FOOD DISTRIBUTOR OF A

1 FOOD HUB;

2 (X) ONE MEMBER WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT NUTRITION,  
3 PREFERABLY A PHYSICIAN LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 36 OF TITLE 12  
4 OR A REGISTERED DIETICIAN; AND

5 (XI) ONE STATEWIDE HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEM ORGANIZATION  
6 REPRESENTATIVE.

7 (3) In making appointments to the council, the ~~governor~~  
8 APPOINTING AUTHORITIES shall ensure, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, that the  
9 membership of the council includes geographic ~~representation from all~~  
10 ~~areas of the state. The governor shall also consider appointing persons~~  
11 ~~who have expertise in more than one functional area. No more than five~~  
12 ~~members of the council appointed by the governor shall be members of~~  
13 ~~the same political party~~ AND SOCIAL DIVERSITY, AS WELL AS A BALANCE  
14 OF EXPERTISE, BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL, IN ISSUES  
15 RELATING TO COLORADO'S FOOD SYSTEMS.

16 (4) Each member of the council who is appointed pursuant to  
17 subsection (2) of this section shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing  
18 authority who appointed the member. Each member of the council shall  
19 serve a three-year term; except that the governor shall appoint four  
20 members to serve two-year terms. THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY MAY  
21 REAPPOINT THE MEMBER FOR ONE ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM.

22 (5) (a) THE TERMS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED PRIOR TO  
23 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION EXPIRE ON AUGUST 30, 2018. The  
24 appointing authorities shall make their ~~initial~~ appointments to the council  
25 AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION no later than ~~October 1,~~  
26 ~~2010~~ AUGUST 31, 2018.

27 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
28 2020.

29 (6) Any vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same manner  
30 in which the original appointment was made, and the term ~~shall be~~ IS for  
31 the balance of the unexpired term of the member whose ~~term~~ POSITION ON  
32 THE COUNCIL is vacant.

33 (7) A majority of the members of the council shall elect a chair  
34 and a vice-chair, who shall serve for two-year terms. A member of the  
35 council who is an executive director of a state department or his or her  
36 designee may be elected to be a chair or a vice-chair of the council, but  
37 both positions shall not be held at the same time by members who are  
38 executive directors of state departments or their designees.

39 (8) Each member of the council shall serve without compensation  
40 but may be reimbursed from the food systems advisory council fund  
41 created in section ~~24-37.3-105~~ 35-1-206 for actual and necessary  
42 subsistence and travel expenses incurred in the performance of his or her  
43 duties as a member of the council.



1 (9) ~~The chair shall call the meetings and notify the members of~~  
2 ~~each meeting being called at least seven days in advance. Meetings shall~~  
3 MUST be held as often as the chair deems necessary but not less than four  
4 times each calendar year. ~~A quorum for the transaction of business~~  
5 ~~consists of seven members of the council~~ THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT  
6 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES.

7 **35-1-204. [Formerly 24-37.3-103] Council - purpose and**  
8 **duties.** (1) The ~~purpose~~ PURPOSES of the council is INCLUDE, BUT ARE  
9 NOT LIMITED to:

10 (a) ~~Identify and use existing studies of the food system and~~  
11 ~~examples of best practices, whenever possible;~~ GROWING LOCAL,  
12 REGIONAL, AND STATEWIDE FOOD ECONOMIES WITHIN WHICH PRODUCERS  
13 HAVE ACCESS TO NEW MARKETS AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS HAVE  
14 ACCESS TO FRESH, AFFORDABLE, AND HEALTHY FOODS. THE COUNCIL WILL  
15 COLLABORATE AND COORDINATE WITH PRODUCERS, RELEVANT STATE AND  
16 FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, NONGOVERNMENTAL  
17 ORGANIZATIONS, AND CONSUMERS TO CONNECT AGENCIES AND  
18 COLORADO PRODUCERS, INCLUDING FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCERS,  
19 TO VIABLE MARKET OPPORTUNITIES. AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE:

20 (I) CONNECTING COLORADO AGRICULTURE TO FEDERAL FOOD  
21 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BY FUNCTIONING AS AN INTERAGENCY LIAISON  
22 BETWEEN RELEVANT STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES;

23 (II) LEVERAGING THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE STATE'S  
24 INSTITUTIONS TO CREATE NEW AND RELIABLE MARKETS FOR COLORADO  
25 PRODUCERS AND SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF ROBUST AND RESILIENT FOOD  
26 SYSTEMS WHILE PROVIDING FRESH, AFFORDABLE, AND HEALTHY FOOD TO  
27 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS; AND

28 (b) (III) ~~Work with other task forces, committees, or organizations~~  
29 ~~that are pursuing initiatives or studies similar to the purposes and duties~~  
30 ~~outlined in this article and develop relationships with other task forces,~~  
31 ~~committees, or organizations to collaborate on similar efforts~~ SUPPORTING  
32 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE COLORADO  
33 BLUEPRINT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, AND ENSURING THAT THE  
34 BLUEPRINT, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, IS UPDATED AS NEEDED;

35 (c) ~~Develop local food recommendations that promote the~~  
36 ~~building of robust, resilient, and long-term local food economies;~~

37 (d) (b) ~~Develop recommendations regarding hunger and food~~  
38 ~~access~~ CONDUCTING RESEARCH REGARDING NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES  
39 REGARDING FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, DIRECT AND  
40 INTERMEDIATED MARKET DEVELOPMENT, INSTITUTIONAL PROCUREMENT,  
41 AND FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AS WELL AS OTHER PRIORITIES  
42 DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL;

43 (e) (c) ~~Collaborate~~ COLLABORATING with, ~~serve~~ SERVING as a

1 resource to, and receive RECEIVING input from local and regional food  
2 policy councils in the state;

3 (d) EXPLORING METHODS OF COLLECTING AND ASSESSING  
4 STATEWIDE DATA RELATING TO COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND REPORTING THE  
5 RELEVANT INFORMATION AND DATA REGARDING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AS  
6 REQUIRED BY SECTION 35-1-207.

7 ~~(f) Collaborate with the department of agriculture in promoting~~  
8 ~~the marketing program known as "Colorado Proud", which helps~~  
9 ~~consumers, restaurants, and retailers to identify and purchase Colorado~~  
10 ~~food and agricultural products; and:~~

11 ~~(g) Develop recommendations for actions that state and local~~  
12 ~~governments, businesses, agriculturists, and consumers can take to build~~  
13 ~~robust, resilient, and long-term local food economies:~~

14 (2) In developing its recommendations, the council shall consider,  
15 but not be limited to, the following areas of interest:

16 (a) (I) ~~An examination of foods made available to children,~~  
17 ~~including those in public schools, and consideration of ways to improve~~  
18 ~~the nutritional quality of those foods and increase children's access to~~  
19 ~~locally grown foods:~~

20 ~~(II) In designing recommendations to improve school nutrition~~  
21 ~~and increase access to locally grown foods, the council shall incorporate~~  
22 ~~input from, and coordinate with the work of, the Colorado campaign to~~  
23 ~~end childhood hunger by 2015, initiated by executive order of the~~  
24 ~~governor:~~

25 (b) ~~A study of efforts to make local, healthy, and safe foods~~  
26 ~~available under public assistance programs, including the possibility of~~  
27 ~~using electronic benefit cards for the supplemental nutrition assistance~~  
28 ~~program (SNAP) and federal farmers' market nutrition program (FMNP)~~  
29 ~~coupons at local farmers' markets;~~

30 (c) ~~An in-depth examination of local and regional efforts to~~  
31 ~~strengthen and develop robust, resilient, and long-term local food~~  
32 ~~economies by supporting and promoting urban, suburban, and rural~~  
33 ~~agricultural production; identifying and developing solutions to regulatory~~  
34 ~~and policy barriers; and strengthening local infrastructure and~~  
35 ~~entrepreneurial efforts;~~

36 (d) ~~The potential impacts that the production of local, healthy, and~~  
37 ~~safe foods would have on economic development in Colorado, including~~  
38 ~~both the direct impacts for the producers of local food and the actual and~~  
39 ~~potential indirect impacts, such as encouraging restaurants to feature~~  
40 ~~locally raised agricultural products and promoting food and wine tourism;~~  
41 ~~and~~

42 (e) ~~Any other issues the council, by consensus, considers~~  
43 ~~pertinent:~~



1           **35-1-205. [Formerly 24-37.3-104] Subcommittees of the**  
2 **council.** (1) (a) The council may create subcommittees, as the council  
3 deems necessary, to carry out the work of the council. ~~These~~  
4 ~~subcommittees may include but are not limited to:~~

5           ~~(I) Local and regional food councils;~~  
6           ~~(II) Local government;~~  
7           ~~(III) School districts, the members of which shall include persons~~  
8 ~~with expertise in nutrition and in school financing; and~~  
9           ~~(IV) A coordination subcommittee to collaborate with other task~~  
10 ~~forces, committees, and organizations, including the interagency~~  
11 ~~farm-to-school coordination task force created in section 22-82.6-104,~~  
12 ~~C.R.S.~~

13           (b) The subcommittees shall include representatives of the council  
14 and may include persons appointed by the chair and the vice-chair of the  
15 council who are not members of the council.

16           (2) The council may engage in any other activity the council  
17 determines is necessary to accomplish the purposes outlined in this ~~article~~  
18 ~~PART 2.~~

19           **35-1-206. [Formerly 24-37.3-105] Fund - acceptance of gifts,**  
20 **grants, or donations.** (1) For the purposes of carrying out the duties of  
21 the council, the council is authorized to seek and accept gifts, grants, or  
22 donations, including in-kind donations, from private or public sources for  
23 the purposes of this ~~article~~ PART 2; except that the council may not accept  
24 a gift, grant, or donation that is subject to conditions that are inconsistent  
25 with this ~~article~~ PART 2 or any other law of the state. The council may  
26 accept in-kind donations of staff services from the private sector to staff  
27 the council. The council is also authorized to accept and expend federal  
28 funds available for ~~food policy councils~~ ITS ACTIVITIES. All private and  
29 public ~~moneys~~ MONEY received through gifts, grants, or donations shall  
30 be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit ~~the same~~ IT to the  
31 food systems advisory council fund, which fund is hereby created and  
32 referred to in this section as the "fund". The ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund  
33 ~~must be~~ IS continuously appropriated by the general assembly to the  
34 department ~~of agriculture~~ for allocation to the council for the direct and  
35 indirect costs associated with implementing this ~~article~~ PART 2. Any  
36 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund not expended for the purpose of this ~~article~~  
37 PART 2 may be invested by the state treasurer as provided by law. All  
38 interest and income derived from the investment and deposit of ~~moneys~~  
39 MONEY in the fund shall MUST be credited to the fund. Any unexpended  
40 and unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY remaining in the fund at the end of a  
41 fiscal year shall MUST remain in the fund and shall MUST not revert or be  
42 credited or transferred to the general fund or another fund. ~~except that, if,~~  
43 ~~at the time this article is repealed pursuant to section 24-37.3-107, the~~

1 fund contains a balance of unencumbered and unexpended moneys, those  
2 moneys shall revert to the general fund.

3 (2) Moneys MONEY in the fund may be used for the following  
4 purposes:

5 (a) The actual and necessary expenses incurred by members of the  
6 council for serving on the council;

7 (b) The costs of staffing the council; and

8 (c) The costs of ~~preparing and submitting the annual report~~  
9 ~~required by section 24-37.3-106~~ FUNDING PROGRAMS INITIATED BY THE  
10 COUNCIL OR COUNCIL STAFF.

11 (3) ~~It is the intent of the general assembly that no moneys from the~~  
12 ~~general fund be appropriated for the council. It is also the intent of the~~  
13 ~~general assembly that no state employees be hired to implement this~~  
14 ~~article and that the administrative costs of providing fiscal support to the~~  
15 ~~council be absorbed by the department of agriculture.~~

16 (4) ~~If the council does not receive sufficient moneys through gifts,~~  
17 ~~grants, and donations pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to carry~~  
18 ~~out the duties of the council, the council shall not meet and shall not~~  
19 ~~prepare an annual report pursuant to section 24-37.3-106 until such time~~  
20 ~~as sufficient moneys become available.~~

21 **35-1-207. [Formerly 24-37.3-106] Reports - recommendations.**  
22 Commencing October 1, 2011, and on or before October 1 of each year  
23 thereafter, ~~the council shall report its findings and recommendations,~~  
24 ~~including any legislative proposals or proposals for administrative action,~~  
25 ~~to the general assembly, the governor, and the commissioner of~~  
26 ~~agriculture pursuant to section 24-1-136 (9). NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION~~  
27 ~~24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), no later than January 31, 2012 2020, and every~~  
28 ~~January 31 EVERY OTHER YEAR thereafter, the council shall also report its~~  
29 ~~findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, THE~~  
30 ~~INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SECTION 35-1-204 (1)(d) to the house health~~  
31 ~~and human services committee; the senate health and human services~~  
32 ~~committee; the house agriculture, livestock, and natural resources~~  
33 ~~committee and the senate agriculture, and natural resources, AND ENERGY~~  
34 ~~committee, or their successor committees.~~

35 **SECTION 2. Repeal of relocated and nonrelocated provisions**  
36 **in this act.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** article 37.3 of title 24;  
37 except that 24-37.3-107 is not relocated.

38 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **repeal**  
39 (7)(a)(I) as follows:

40 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**  
41 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (7) (a) The following statutory  
42 authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on  
43 September 1, 2018:



1 (I) ~~The Colorado food systems advisory council created in section~~  
2 ~~24-37.3-102, C.R.S.;~~

3 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** article 82.6  
4 of title 22.

5 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 35-1-101 as  
6 follows:

7 **35-1-101. Short title.** ~~This article shall be known and may be~~  
8 ~~cited as~~ THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 1 IS the "State Department of  
9 Agriculture Act of 1949".

10 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
13 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
18 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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