

## CHAPTER 35

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**ELECTIONS**

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**SENATE BILL 93-63**

BY SENATORS Mendez, Feeley, Gallagher, Johnson, Norton, Owens, Peterson, Tebedo, and Weissmann;  
also REPRESENTATIVES Fleming, Allen, Armstrong, DeGette, Friednash, Greenwood, Hagedorn, R. Hernandez, Keller, Knox,  
Lawrence, Lyle, Pierson, Rupert, Tanner, Thiebaut, Tucker, Williams, and Wright.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING BY PERSONS CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE ON ELECTION DAY.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 1-8-118 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1980 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

**1-8-118. Emergency absentee voting.** (1) (a) In the event an eligible elector is confined in a hospital or place of residence on election day and the confinement occurred because of conditions arising after the last day to apply for an absentee ballot, the elector may request in a personally signed written statement that the designated election official send an absentee ballot with the word "EMERGENCY" stamped on the stubs. The designated election official shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot, at the official's office during the regular hours of business, to any authorized representative of the elector. ~~who possesses a written statement from the elector's physician or practitioner that the elector will be confined in a hospital or place of residence on election day.~~ For the purposes of this paragraph (a), "authorized representative" means a person WHO possesses a written statement from the elector containing the elector's signature, name, and address, INDICATING THAT THE ELECTOR IS OR WILL BE CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE ON ELECTION DAY, and requesting that the emergency absentee ballot be given to the authorized person as identified by name and address. The authorized person shall acknowledge receipt of the emergency absentee ballot with a signature, name, and address.

**SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1993.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 26, 1993