

HB1070_L.001

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

HB16-1070 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 16 insert:

2 "(2) (a) THE ELECTION JUDGES MUST COMPARE THE SIGNATURE ON
3 THE SELF-AFFIRMATION ON EACH RETURN ENVELOPE WITH THE SIGNATURE
4 PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-2-301,
5 C.R.S. THE ELECTION JUDGES MUST RESEARCH THE SIGNATURE FURTHER
6 IF THERE IS:

7 (I) AN OBVIOUS CHANGE IN THE SIGNATURE'S SLANT;

8 (II) A PRINTED SIGNATURE ON ONE DOCUMENT AND A CURSIVE
9 SIGNATURE ON THE OTHER DOCUMENT;

10 (III) A DIFFERENCE IN THE SIGNATURE'S SIZE OR SCALE;

11 (IV) A DIFFERENCE IN THE SIGNATURE'S INDIVIDUAL
12 CHARACTERISTICS, SUCH AS HOW THE "T'S" ARE CROSSED, "I'S" ARE
13 DOTTED, OR LOOPS ARE MADE ON "Y'S" OR "J'S";

14 (V) A DIFFERENCE IN THE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE STYLE, SUCH AS
15 HOW THE LETTERS ARE CONNECTED AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM;

16 (VI) EVIDENCE THAT BALLOTS OR ENVELOPES FROM THE SAME
17 HOUSEHOLD HAVE BEEN SWITCHED; OR

18 (VII) ANY OTHER NOTICEABLE DISCREPANCY SUCH AS MISSPELLED
19 NAMES.

20 (b) (I) IF AN ELECTION JUDGE MUST CONDUCT FURTHER RESEARCH
21 ON AN ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, HE OR SHE MUST CHECK THE ADDITIONAL
22 SIGNATURES PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO
23 SECTION 1-2-301, C.R.S., IF AVAILABLE.

24 (II) AN ELECTION JUDGE MAY COMPARE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
25 WRITTEN BY THE ELECTOR ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE, SUCH AS THE
26 ELECTOR'S ADDRESS AND DATE OF SIGNING. ANY SIMILARITIES NOTED
27 WHEN COMPARING OTHER INFORMATION MAY BE USED AS PART OF THE
28 SIGNATURE VERIFICATION DECISION PROCESS.

29 (III) IF AN ELECTION JUDGE DETERMINES THAT AN ELECTOR
30 INADVERTENTLY RETURNED HIS OR HER BALLOT IN ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD
31 MEMBER'S BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE, THE ELECTION JUDGE MUST
32 PROCESS AND PREPARE THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTOR WHO SIGNED THE
33 SELF-AFFIRMATION FOR COUNTING IF IT IS OTHERWISE VALID. THE
34 ELECTION JUDGE NEED NOT SEND A SIGNATURE VERIFICATION
35 DISCREPANCY LETTER TO THE ELECTOR.

36 (c) IF THE ELECTION JUDGES DISPUTE THE SIGNATURE, THEY MUST
37 DOCUMENT THE DISCREPANCY AND THE RESEARCH STEPS TAKEN IN A LOG

1 THAT IDENTIFIES THE ELECTOR ONLY BY NAME AND ELECTOR
2 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, DOES NOT CONTAIN THE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE,
3 NOTES THE FINAL RESOLUTION AND BALLOT DISPOSITION, AND IDENTIFIES
4 THE ELECTION JUDGES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINAL RESOLUTION AND
5 BALLOT DISPOSITION."

6 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

7 Page 3, line 19, strike "(4)" and substitute "(5)".

8 Page 3, line 21, strike "(3)" and substitute "(4)".

9 Page 4, line 5, strike "(3)" and substitute "(4)".

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