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HOUSE BILL 12-1298

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House Committees  
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF A PERSON WHO HAS REACHED SIXTEEN  
102 YEARS OF AGE BUT WHO WILL NOT BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE  
103 BY THE DATE OF THE NEXT ELECTION TO PREREGISTER TO VOTE,  
104 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ALLOWING A PREREGISTERED  
105 PERSON TO CHANGE HIS OR HER INFORMATION ON THE  
106 SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICIAL WEB SITE.

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

A person who has reached 16 years of age but who will not reach 18 years of age by the date of the next election is allowed to preregister using any means available to persons of voting age. The registration will automatically become active when the preregistered person reaches 18 years of age.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-101, **add** (2) as  
3 follows:

4           **1-2-101. Qualifications for registration - preregistration.**

5 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, UPON  
6 SATISFACTORY PROOF OF AGE, EVERY PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE  
7 QUALIFIED TO REGISTER AND IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT  
8 WILL NOT HAVE REACHED EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BY THE DATE OF THE  
9 NEXT ELECTION MAY PREREGISTER AND UPDATE HIS OR HER  
10 PREREGISTERED INFORMATION BY ANY MEANS AUTHORIZED IN THIS  
11 ARTICLE FOR PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. UPON  
12 REACHING EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, THE PERSON IS AUTOMATICALLY  
13 REGISTERED.

14           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-202.5, **add** (1.5)  
15 as follows:

16           **1-2-202.5. On-line voter registration - on-line changes in**  
17 **elector information.** (1.5) A PERSON MAY PREREGISTER PURSUANT TO  
18 SECTION 1-2-101 (2) ON THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE REFERENCED IN, AND IN  
19 ACCORDANCE WITH THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS OF, SUBSECTION (1)  
20 OF THIS SECTION, AND ANY PERSON THAT HAS PREREGISTERED MAY  
21 CHANGE HIS OR HER INFORMATION ON THE REGISTRATION RECORD BY  
22 COMPLETING AN ELECTRONIC FORM ON THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE  
23 REFERENCED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

1           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-205, **amend** (2)  
2 as follows:

3           **1-2-205. Self-affirmation made by elector.** (2) Each elector  
4 making application for registration shall make the following  
5 self-affirmation: "I, ..., do solemnly affirm that I am a citizen of the  
6 United States and that on the date of the next election I ~~shall have attained~~  
7 ~~the age of eighteen years~~ and shall have resided in the state of Colorado  
8 at least thirty days and in precinct no. .... at least thirty days before the  
9 election. I further affirm that the present address I listed herein is my sole  
10 legal place of residence and that I claim no other place as my legal  
11 residence."

12           **SECTION 4. 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 (August  
15 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a  
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
20 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.