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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING COM	MER	CIAL NO	DTIFIC	ATIONS W	ITH	REGARD	TO	ГНЕ
102	SECRETARY	OF	STATE,	AND	MAKING	AN	APPROPI	RIAT	ION
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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.)

Section 1 of the bill allows the secretary of state (secretary) to notify persons regulated under the charitable solicitations law regarding missed filing deadlines by means other than the mail. Section 15 allows the secretary to notify any person about any matter arising under

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Colorado's corporation, partnership, and association laws in a manner determined by the secretary. Sections 10, 11, 21, 24, and 25 repeal redundant notification laws. Section 13 allows the secretary to charge a fee for giving a notice by mail.

Current law requires corporations, partnerships, and associations to file annual reports with the secretary. **Section 16** allows reporting entities to elect biennial reporting rather than annual reporting and to select an anniversary month different from the default anniversary month. The remaining sections of the bill change references to "annual" reporting to "periodic" reporting and make conforming amendments or other nonsubstantive changes to the law.

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

2 SECTION 1. 6-16-114, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 6-16-114. Fine - late filing fee - rules. Any charitable 5 organization, professional fund-raising consultant, or paid solicitor who, 6 after sufficient notification by the secretary of state, fails to properly 7 register, renew a registration, file a solicitation notice, or file a financial 8 report of a solicitation campaign under this article by the end of the 9 seventh day following the issuance of the final notice, is liable for a fine 10 or late filing fee in an amount to be established by rule promulgated by 11 the secretary of state. The late fee for filing a registration renewal, 12 solicitation notice, or solicitation campaign financial report late shall not 13 exceed one hundred dollars per year for charities or two hundred dollars 14 per year for paid solicitors. Sufficient notification shall consist CONSISTS 15 of at least two notices sent by mail GIVEN to the organization and 16 registered agent of the charitable organization, professional fund-raising 17 consultant, or paid solicitor. The fine or late filing fee is in addition to 18 any other filing fee provided by this article.

19 SECTION 2. 7-55-121, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended

1 to read:

2 7-55-121. Periodic report. Part 5 of article 90 of this title, 3 providing for annual PERIODIC reports from reporting entities, applies to 4 associations formed under or subject to this article. 5 SECTION 3. 7-56-106 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is 6 amended to read: 7 **7-56-106.** Periodic and other reports. (1) Part 5 of article 90 8 of this title, providing for annual PERIODIC reports from reporting entities, 9 applies to cooperatives formed under or subject to this article. 10 **SECTION 4.** 7-56-107 (4) (g), Colorado Revised Statutes, is 11 amended to read: 12 7-56-107. Cooperative records. (4) A cooperative shall keep a 13 copy of each of the following records at its principal office: 14 (g) A copy of its most recent annual PERIODIC report delivered to 15 the secretary of state pursuant to part 5 of article 90 of this title; and 16 SECTION 5. 7-60-149, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended 17 to read: 18 7-60-149. Limited liability partnership periodic reports. Part 19 5 of article 90 of this title, providing for annual PERIODIC reports from 20 reporting entities, applies to limited liability partnerships subject to this 21 article. 22 SECTION 6. The introductory portion to 7-63-108 (3) and 23 7-63-108 (3) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read: 24 7-63-108. Reference to corporation law. (3) Except as 25 otherwise provided in this article, article 90 of this title and, to the extent 26 not addressed in said article 90, the law of this state applicable to a 27 corporation formed under the "Colorado Business Corporation Act",

articles 101 to 117 of this title, shall apply to an association with respect
 to the following matters:

(a) The filing by the secretary of state of articles for the formation
or dissolution of an association, annual PERIODIC reports concerning an
association, change of principal office, change of registered agent or
registered agent address, and other documents including withdrawal and
restatement of, amendments to, and statements with respect to any
articles, annual PERIODIC reports, and other documents;

9 SECTION 7. 7-64-1007, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
10 to read:

11 7-64-1007. Periodic reports. Part 5 of article 90 of this title, 12 providing for PERIODIC reports from reporting entities, applies to domestic 13 limited liability partnerships and domestic limited liability limited 14 partnerships and applies to foreign limited liability partnerships and 15 foreign limited liability limited partnerships that are authorized to transact 16 business or conduct activities in this state pursuant to part 8 of article 90 17 of this title.

18 SECTION 8. 7-71-104 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read:

20 **7-71-104.** Effect of filing a statement of trade name. (1) (b) A 21 filed statement of trade name of a delinquent entity shall remain effective 22 only through the last day of the twelfth calendar month following the 23 calendar month of the effective date of delinquency under section 24 7-90-902 (2) (1), unless it is renewed in accordance with section 25 7-71-105; except that this paragraph (b) shall not apply to a filed 26 statement of trade name of a delinquent entity that cures its delinquency 27 pursuant to section 7-90-904 (1) while such filed statement of trade name

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1 is effective.

2 SECTION 9. 7-80-301, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

7-80-301. Limited liability companies - registered agents service of process - periodic reports. Part 7 of article 90 of this title,
providing for registered agents and service of process, applies to limited
liability companies formed under this article. Part 5 of article 90 of this
title, providing for annual PERIODIC reports, applies to limited liability
companies formed under this article.

SECTION 10. Repeal. 7-70-104 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes,
is repealed as follows:

12 7-70-104. Duration and renewal. (4) No earlier than one 13 hundred eighty days and no later than sixty days before the expiration of 14 the then-current term of each statement of trademark registration, the 15 secretary of state shall deliver to the registrant notice regarding renewal 16 of the effectiveness of the statement of trademark registration in a form 17 prescribed by the secretary of state. The notice regarding renewal shall 18 be delivered to the last-known mailing address of the registrant; except 19 that the secretary of state shall not be required to deliver to a registrant a 20 notice regarding renewal for any statement of trademark registration for 21 which a statement of renewal of trademark registration has previously 22 been filed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section for the current 23 renewal period. The failure of the secretary of state to deliver a notice 24 regarding renewal with respect to any statement of trademark registration 25 shall not affect the requirement that a statement of renewal of trademark 26 registration be filed to maintain the effectiveness of the statement of 27 trademark registration, and no person shall have a cause of action if the 1 notice is not delivered.

2 SECTION 11. Repeal. 7-71-105 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,
3 is repealed as follows:

4 7-71-105. Renewal of statement of trade name. (2) The 5 secretary of state shall deliver a notice regarding renewal, in such form 6 as prescribed by the secretary of state, to each person that is not a 7 reporting entity and has an effective statement of trade name on file in the 8 records of the secretary of state no later than the first day of the calendar 9 month preceding the calendar month in which the statement of trade name 10 is no longer effective pursuant to section 7-71-104 (1) or subsection (1) 11 of this section; except that the secretary of state shall not be required to 12 deliver to a person a notice regarding renewal for any trade name of that 13 person for any renewal period for which a statement of trade name 14 renewal has previously been filed pursuant to subsection (1) of this 15 section. The failure of the secretary of state to deliver a notice regarding 16 renewal to any person shall not affect the requirement that any statement 17 of trade name of that person be renewed in accordance with this section 18 in order to remain effective.

SECTION 12. 7-90-102 (1.3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
amended, and the said 7-90-102 is further amended BY THE ADDITION
OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

7-90-102. Definitions. As used in this title, except as otherwise
defined for the purpose of any section, subpart, part, or article of this title,
or unless the context otherwise requires:

25 (1.3) "Annual report" means the report required by section
26 7-90-501.

27 (48.5) "PERIODIC REPORT" MEANS THE REPORT REQUIRED BY

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3 SECTION 13. 7-90-306 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 7-90-306. Filing duty of secretary of state - manner of filing. 6 (3) If the secretary of state permits a document to be delivered in a 7 physical medium and if the secretary of state refuses to file the document, 8 the secretary of state shall return it to any individual who has been 9 identified, pursuant to section 7-90-301 (8), as having caused the 10 document to be delivered for filing at the address provided for that 11 individual, together with a written notice providing a brief explanation of 12 the reason for the refusal, within ten days after the document was 13 delivered to the secretary of state; except that no return or notice shall be 14 required with respect to an annual A PERIODIC report that the secretary of 15 state has refused to file.

SECTION 14. Part 4 of article 90 of title 7, Colorado Revised
Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
read:

7-90-403. Notices by the secretary of state. (1) (a) THE
SECRETARY OF STATE MAY GIVE NOTICE, IN SUCH MANNER AS THE
SECRETARY OF STATE MAY DETERMINE, TO ANY PERSON ABOUT ANY
MATTER ARISING UNDER OR WITH RESPECT TO THIS TITLE, INCLUDING
NOTICE REGARDING:

24 (I) THE DUE DATE OF A PERIODIC REPORT;

25 (II) THE EXISTENCE OF GROUNDS FOR DELINQUENCY;

26 (III) THE PENDENCY OF DISSOLUTION UPON EXPIRATION OF PERIOD27 OF DURATION;

1 (IV) THE DISSOLUTION UPON EXPIRATION OF PERIOD OF DURATION; 2 (V) THE DUE DATE OF A TRADE NAME RENEWAL; AND 3 (VI) THE DUE DATE OF A TRADEMARK RENEWAL. 4 (b) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY USE A PHASE-IN PERIOD OR ANY 5 OTHER METHOD TO MITIGATE HARDSHIP ON THE REPORTING ENTITY 6 CAUSED BY ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION AND MAY PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS 7 FROM SUCH ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION WHERE HARDSHIP OR OTHER GOOD 8 CAUSE IS SHOWN.

9 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT AFFECT A REQUIREMENT THAT
10 THE SECRETARY OF STATE GIVE NOTICE UNDER ANOTHER PROVISION OF
11 LAW.

(2) NEITHER THE DETERMINATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO
GIVE, OR NOT TO GIVE, ANY NOTICE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF
SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION NOR THE FAILURE OF ANY PERSON TO
RECEIVE ANY NOTICE SO GIVEN AFFECTS ANY OBLIGATION UNDER OR
REQUIREMENT OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR EXCUSES ANY
NONCOMPLIANCE BY ANY PERSON OF ANY OBLIGATION UNDER OR
REQUIREMENT OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE.

19 **SECTION 15.** The introductory portion to 7-90-501 (1) and 20 7-90-501 (4) (c), (4) (d), (5.5), and (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, are 21 amended to read:

7-90-501. Periodic reports. (1) Each reporting entity shall
deliver to the secretary of state, for filing pursuant to part 3 of this article,
an annual A PERIODIC report that states the entity name of the reporting
entity, the jurisdiction under the law of which the reporting entity is
formed, and:

27 (4) (c) (I) The UNLESS OTHERWISE ELECTED AS PROVIDED IN

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1 SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (C), A REPORTING ENTITY SHALL 2 DELIVER ITS first annual PERIODIC report for a reporting entity shall be 3 delivered to the secretary of state, for filing pursuant to part 3 of this 4 article, no later than the last day of the second calendar month following 5 the first anniversary OF THE CALENDAR month in which the reporting 6 entity's constituent filed document or statement of foreign entity authority, 7 as the case may be, became effective or, in the case of a reporting entity 8 that has been reinstated or that has cured its delinquency, no later than the 9 last day of the second calendar month following the first anniversary of 10 the calendar month in which the reinstatement or curing of delinquency 11 occurred. UNLESS OTHERWISE ELECTED AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH 12 (II) OR (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (c), thereafter, the annual PERIODIC report 13 shall be delivered to the secretary of state by each reporting entity 14 annually.

(II) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY PERMIT, ON SUCH CONDITIONS
AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY DETERMINE, A REPORTING ENTITY TO
SELECT AN ANNIVERSARY MONTH DIFFERENT THAN THE ANNIVERSARY
MONTH AS ESTABLISHED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (c) BY
DELIVERING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR FILING PURSUANT TO PART
OF THIS ARTICLE, A STATEMENT OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE
ANNIVERSARY MONTH.

(III) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY PERMIT, ON SUCH CONDITIONS
AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY DETERMINE, A REPORTING ENTITY TO
ELECT TO FILE THE PERIODIC REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION
BIENNIALLY BY DELIVERING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR FILING
PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE, A STATEMENT OF ELECTION OF
BIENNIAL REPORTING.

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(d) Information in the annual PERIODIC report shall be current as
 of the date the annual PERIODIC report is delivered to the secretary of
 state, for filing pursuant to part 3 of this article, on behalf of the reporting
 entity. No annual PERIODIC report shall state a delayed effective date.

5 (5.5) No later than sixty days prior to the due date of a reporting 6 entity's annual report as established pursuant to paragraph (c) of 7 subsection (4) of this section, the secretary of state shall deliver notice to 8 the reporting entity of such due date at its registered agent address. The 9 failure of the secretary of state to provide such notice shall not affect the 10 requirement that the reporting entity deliver its annual report pursuant to 11 paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of this section.

12 (7) Each reporting entity that fails or refuses to deliver to the 13 secretary of state an annual A PERIODIC report for filing within the time 14 ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE prescribed by subsection (4) of this section 15 and pay the prescribed processing fee shall be IS subject to a penalty, which shall be determined and collected pursuant to section 24-21-104 16 17 (3), C.R.S. except that no such penalty shall be imposed if the notice 18 required to be furnished by the secretary of state pursuant to subsection 19 (5.5) of this section is not timely delivered to the reporting entity by the 20 secretary of state and such nondelivery causes the failure to file within the 21 time prescribed in subsection (4) of this section.

SECTION 16. 7-90-601.6 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
amended to read:

7-90-601.6. Entity name of delinquent entity. (1) The entity
name of a delinquent entity shall include the word "delinquent", followed
by the month, day, and year of the effective date of the entity's
delinquency, after the four-hundredth day after the effective date of its

1 delinquency under section 7-90-902 (2) (1).

2 SECTION 17. 7-90-702 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

7-90-702. Change or resignation of registered agent. (1) An
entity that maintains a registered agent pursuant to this part 7 may change
its registered agent, the registered agent address, or the registered agent
name of its registered agent only by stating a different registered agent,
different registered agent address, or different registered agent name for
its registered agent, as the case may be, in one of the following:

10 (b) An annual A PERIODIC report filed pursuant to section
11 7-90-501; or

SECTION 18. 7-90-705 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
amended to read:

7-90-705. Change of principal office address. (1) An entity that
has stated a principal office address in a document filed by the secretary
of state may change its principal office address only by stating a different
principal office address in one of the following:

18 (b) An annual A PERIODIC report filed pursuant to section
19 7-90-501;

20 **SECTION 19.** 7-90-806 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is 21 amended to read:

7-90-806. Withdrawal of foreign entity. (2) If a foreign entity
causes a statement of foreign entity withdrawal to be delivered to the
secretary of state for filing pursuant to part 3 of this article before the date
on which an annual A PERIODIC report for the foreign entity is due
pursuant to part 5 of this article, the foreign entity shall be IS relieved of
its obligation to file such annual report or pay the fee therefor.

SECTION 20. 7-90-902, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
 to read:

3 **7-90-902.** Declaration of delinquency. (1) If the secretary of 4 state determines that one or more grounds exist under section 7-90-901 5 for declaring an entity delinquent the secretary of state shall deliver 6 written notice stating such grounds to the entity at the entity's principal 7 office address and to the registered agent address of the entity's most 8 recent registered agent. The notice shall state that, if the entity does not 9 correct each ground for declaring it delinquent or demonstrate to the 10 reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state that such ground does not 11 exist within sixty days after delivery of the notice, the entity shall be 12 delinquent following the expiration of such sixty days AND THE ENTITY 13 DOES NOT CORRECT EACH GROUND FOR DECLARING IT DELINQUENT OR 14 DEMONSTRATE TO THE REASONABLE SATISFACTION OF THE SECRETARY OF 15 STATE THAT SUCH GROUND DOES NOT EXIST WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER 16 THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAKES SUCH DETERMINATION, THE ENTITY 17 BECOMES DELINQUENT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF SUCH SIXTY DAYS.

(2) If the entity does not correct each ground identified in the
notice of the secretary of state for declaring it delinquent or demonstrate
to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary of state that such ground
does not exist within sixty days after delivery of the notice, the entity
shall be delinquent following the expiration of such sixty days.

23 SECTION 21. 7-90-905 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
24 amended to read:

7-90-905. Appeal from declaration of delinquency. (1) An
entity may appeal a declaration under section 7-90-902 (2) (1) that it is
delinquent to the district court for the county in this state in which the

1 street address of the entity's principal office is located, or, if the entity has 2 no principal office in this state, to the district court for the county in 3 which the street address of its registered agent is located or, if the entity 4 has no registered agent, to the district court for the city and county of 5 Denver within thirty days after the effective date of its delinquency. The 6 entity shall commence such appeal by petitioning the court to set aside the 7 declaration of its delinquency or to determine that the entity has cured its 8 delinquency and attaching to the petition copies of such documents in the 9 secretary of state's records as may be relevant.

SECTION 22. 7-90-906, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
to read:

7-90-906. Limited liability partnerships and limited liability
limited partnerships. Each limited liability partnership and limited
liability limited partnership to which section 7-60-152 or section
7-64-1008 was applicable on September 30, 2005, shall be deemed
delinquent pursuant to section 7-90-902 (2) (1), effective October 1,
2005.

18 SECTION 23. Repeal. 7-90-907 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes,
19 is repealed as follows:

20 **7-90-907.** Dissolution upon expiration of term. (1) If the 21 secretary of state determines from the records of the secretary of state that 22 the period of duration of a domestic entity will expire, the secretary of 23 state shall deliver written notice of the pendency of the expiration to the 24 entity's principal office address by either the ninetieth day before such 25 expiration or the fifth day after the secretary of state makes the 26 determination, whichever is later. The secretary of state need not give 27 such notice if the secretary of state does not make the determination

1	sooner than ten days before the expiration. The failure of the secretary of
2	state to deliver a notice contemplated by this subsection (1) shall not
3	affect the automatic dissolution of the entity pursuant to subsection (2) of
4	this section. No person shall have a cause of action if the secretary of
5	state does not make the determination or give the notice contemplated in
6	this subsection (1).
7	SECTION 24. Repeal. 7-90-909, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
8	repealed as follows:
9	7-90-909. Notice of dissolution upon expiration of term. $\frac{Upon}{Upon}$
10	the dissolution, pursuant to section 7-90-907 (2), of a domestic entity to
11	which notice was delivered pursuant to section 7-90-907 (1), the secretary
12	of state shall deliver written notice of the dissolution, stating the effective
13	date of dissolution, to the principal office address of the principal office
14	of the entity.
15	SECTION 25. 7-116-101 (5) (f), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
16	amended to read:
17	7-116-101. Corporate records. (5) A corporation shall keep a
18	copy of each of the following records at its principal office:
19	(f) A copy of its most recent annual PERIODIC report pursuant to
20	part 5 of article 90 of this title; and
21	SECTION 26. 7-116-107, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
22	to read:
23	7-116-107. Periodic report to secretary of state. Part 5 of
24	article 90 of this title, providing for annual PERIODIC reports from
25	reporting entities, applies to domestic corporations and applies to foreign
26	corporations that are authorized to transact business or conduct activities
27	in this state.

SECTION 27. 7-136-101 (5) (g), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
 amended to read:

7-136-101. Corporate records. (5) A nonprofit corporation
shall keep a copy of each of the following records at its principal office:
(g) A copy of its most recent annual PERIODIC report pursuant to

6 part 5 of article 90 of this title; and

7 SECTION 28. 7-136-107, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
8 to read:

9 **7-136-107.** Periodic report to secretary of state. Part 5 of 10 article 90 of this title, providing for annual PERIODIC reports from 11 reporting entities, applies to domestic nonprofit corporations and applies 12 to foreign nonprofit corporations that are authorized to transact business 13 or conduct activities in this state.

SECTION 29. 7-137-102 (1) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes,
are amended to read:

16 7-137-102. Pre-1968 corporate entities - failure to file reports 17 and designate registered agents - dissolution. (1) Corporate entities 18 that were formed prior to January 1, 1968, and that did not elect to be 19 governed by articles 20 to 29 of this title and could, if they so elected, 20 elect to be governed by articles 121 to 137 of this title, but that have not 21 done so, are nevertheless reporting entities that are subject to part 5 of 22 article 90 of this title, providing for annual PERIODIC reports from 23 reporting entities, and are domestic entities that are subject to part 7 of 24 article 90 of this title, providing for registered agents and service of 25 process.

26 (3) If any corporate entity, formed prior to January 1, 1968, that
27 could elect to be governed by articles 20 to 29 or 121 to 137 of this title,

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but that has not so elected and has failed to file annual PERIODIC reports
 or maintain a registered agent, may be declared delinquent pursuant to
 section 7-90-902.

4 SECTION 30. 7-137-201 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read:

6 **7-137-201.** Procedure to elect to accept articles 121 to 137 of 7 **this title.** (5) All corporate entities accepting articles 121 to 137 of this 8 title shall be ARE reporting entities subject to part 5 of article 90 of this 9 title, providing for annual PERIODIC reports from reporting entities, and 10 shall be ARE subject to part 7 of article 90 of this title, providing for 11 registered agents and service of process.

SECTION 31. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104 (3) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of state, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, the sum of one hundred five thousand two hundred dollars (\$105,200) cash funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

19 SECTION 32. Act subject to petition - effective date -20 **applicability.** (1) This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day 21 following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment 22 of the general assembly (August 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on 23 May 12, 2010); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to 24 section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an 25 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, 26 section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the 27 general election to be held in November 2010 and shall take effect on the

- 1 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.
- 2 (2) The provisions of this act shall apply to conduct occurring on
- 3 or after the applicable effective date of this act.