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SENATE BILL 19-202

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Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING BALLOT ACCESS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES.**

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the secretary of state is to establish procedures to enable voters with disabilities to independently mark a paper ballot using nonvisual access or low vision access technology whether the voter is voting in a mail ballot election or voting at a polling location.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 1-5-706** as
2 follows:

3 **1-5-706. Ballot access for voters with disabilities.** THE
4 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENABLE VOTERS
5 WITH DISABILITIES TO INDEPENDENTLY MARK A PAPER BALLOT USING
6 NONVISUAL ACCESS OR LOW VISION ACCESS TECHNOLOGY WHETHER THE
7 VOTER IS VOTING IN A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7.5
8 OF THIS TITLE 1 OR VOTING AT A POLLING LOCATION.

9 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.