

# COLORADO COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION

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## Please Support HB 1303

### Create The Voter Access & Modernized Elections Act

Sponsored by Representatives Hullinghorst/Pabon & Senator Giron

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#### Why it is important?

- Modernizes Elections to Reflect the Way People Vote
- Ensures Safe and Secure Elections
- Saves Taxpayers Dollars
- Eliminates Voter Confusion By Making Colorado's Elections Consistent and Less Complicated

#### What this bill does?

##### Modernize Voter Registration & List Maintenance

- **Improves election integrity by using a "live" poll book in SCORE.** For the first time, every polling place will be able to track each voter giving our state unprecedented security.
- **Changes the voter registration deadline.** It moves the deadline from 29 days to 22 days before the election. After the deadline, voters may still register on-line through 8 days before the election and in-person at County Clerk's offices or Voter Service & Polling Centers through Election Day.
- **Improves Clerks' ability to update records** through the use of the National Change of Address database, Department of Corrections & Colorado Vital Records.
- **Eliminates the confusing "Inactive-Failed To Vote" category.** Additionally, current IFTV voters will be reinstated (still subject to NCOA, Corrections & Vital Records).

##### Expand Voting Opportunities Statewide

- **Establishes mail ballot delivery for all elections but maintains all choices.** All voters will be mailed a ballot. Voters can choose to mail-in their ballot; drop their ballot off at a Voter Service & Polling Center or Drop Off location or vote in-person at a Voter Service & Polling Center.
- **Creates uniform and consistent Voter Service & Polling Centers.** Voters can vote in-person, use accessible voting equipment, register or update voter registration, obtain replacement ballot and solve other issues. Voter Service & Polling Centers will be open a minimum of 15 days prior to and including General Election Day.
- **It establishes formulas and criteria for Voter Service & Polling Centers.** The Clerks shall solicit public input and submit locations to the Secretary of State.

##### Other

- **Saves tax payer money** through the use of NCOA, Department of Corrections & Colorado Vital Records. We will have the most current and accurate voter lists resulting in fewer mailings, reduced printing & postage. Additionally, there will be reductions in Election Day costs through fewer location rentals, provisional ballots, etc. Finally, there will be significant savings in future equipment purchases (**millions of dollars**).
- **Establishes Commission** that will ensure the technical implementation of the legislation.

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