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**HOUSE BILL 13-1135**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Singer,** Court, Melton, Salazar

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs  
Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF A PERSON TO PREREGISTER TO VOTE IF**  
102              **THE PERSON HAS REACHED SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE BUT WILL**  
103              **NOT BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BY THE DATE OF THE NEXT**  
104              **ELECTION.**

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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>.)*

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

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.*

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) (a) 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 (b) THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1-2-201 APPLY  
15 TO A PERSON PREREGISTERING TO VOTE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (2).

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

18           **1-2-202.5. On-line voter registration - on-line changes in**

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

1 REFERENCED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

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

4 **1-2-205. Self-affirmation made by elector.** (2) Each elector  
5 making application for registration shall **MUST** make the following  
6 self-affirmation: "I, ....., do solemnly affirm that:

- 7 • I am a citizen of the United States; ~~and that on the date of the~~  
8 ~~next election I shall have attained the age of eighteen years and~~  
9 ~~shall have resided in~~
- 10 • I AM A RESIDENT OF the state of Colorado; ~~at least thirty days~~  
11 ~~and in precinct no. .... at least thirty days before the election. I~~  
12 ~~further affirm that the present address I listed herein is my sole~~  
13 ~~legal place of residence and that I claim no other place as my~~  
14 ~~legal residence.~~
- 15 • I AM AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OLD AND UNDERSTAND THAT I  
16 MUST BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE; AND
- 17 • I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT I MEET THE REGISTRATION  
18 QUALIFICATIONS AND THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE  
19 PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY  
20 KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF."

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-213, **amend** (2)  
22 (a) as follows:

23 **1-2-213. Registration at driver's license examination facilities.**

24 (2) (a) An applicant who wishes to complete an application for  
25 registration shall **MUST** read and answer the questions required by section  
26 1-2-204 and shall make a ~~self-affirmation by signing the following~~  
27 ~~statement: "I, ....., do solemnly affirm that I am a citizen of the~~

1 ~~United States and that on the date of the next election I shall have attained~~  
2 ~~the age of eighteen years and shall have resided in the state of Colorado~~  
3 ~~at least thirty days and in my precinct at least thirty days before the~~  
4 ~~election. I further affirm that the present address I listed herein is my sole~~  
5 ~~legal place of residence and that I claim no other place as my legal~~  
6 ~~residence."~~ THE SELF-AFFIRMATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 1-2-205.  
7 Each application for registration shall MUST bear the following statement:  
8 "Warning: It is a class 1 misdemeanor to affirm falsely as to your  
9 qualifications to register to vote."

10 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-103, **amend** (5)  
11 as follows:

12 **1-7.5-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
13 otherwise requires:

14 (5) "Mail ballot packet" means the packet of information provided  
15 by the designated election official to eligible electors in the mail ballot  
16 election AND TO PERSONS PREREGISTERED TO VOTE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
17 1-2-101 (2) WHO WILL BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON THE DATE OF THE  
18 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION. The packet includes the ballot, instructions for  
19 completing the ballot, a secrecy envelope, and a return envelope.

20 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-8-102 as  
21 follows:

22 **1-8-102. When mail-in voters may vote.** Any eligible elector OR  
23 PERSON PREREGISTERED TO VOTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-2-101 (2) WHO  
24 WILL BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON THE DATE OF THE ELECTION may vote  
25 by mail-in ballot at any election under the regulations and in the manner  
26 provided in this part 1.

27 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-8-202 as

1 follows:

2 **1-8-202. When eligible electors may vote by early ballot.** Early  
3 voting shall be made available to any eligible elector in the manner  
4 provided in this part 2 during regular business hours for ten days before  
5 a primary election and a special legislative election and for fifteen days  
6 before a general election or other November election conducted by the  
7 county clerk and recorder. The board of county commissioners may by  
8 resolution increase the hours that the early voters' polling place may be  
9 open. Eligible electors OR PERSONS PREREGISTERED TO VOTE PURSUANT  
10 TO SECTION 1-2-101 (2) WHO WILL BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON THE  
11 DATE OF THE ELECTION who appear in person at the early voters' polling  
12 place during this time may cast their ballots in the same manner as any  
13 ballot would be cast in a precinct polling place on election day.

14 **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
17 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a  
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
22 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.