

2025-2026 #364 - Final

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** Section 13 to article VII as follows:

Section 13. Voter Authentication

(1) FOR ANY FEDERAL OR STATEWIDE ELECTION, A VOTER IS REQUIRED TO AFFIX THEIR SIGNATURE ON THE SELF-AFFIRMATION OF A RETURNED MAIL BALLOT AND INCLUDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(a) THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE VOTER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER;

(b) THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE VOTER'S COLORADO REAL IDENTIFICATION, AS CODIFIED IN 49 U.S.C. § 30301 NOTE OR ITS SUCCESSOR SECTION AND SECTION 42-2-301 OR ITS SUCCESSOR SECTION;

(c) THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE VOTER'S COLORADO REAL IDENTIFICATION DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER AS CODIFIED IN 49 U.S.C. SEC. 30301 NOTE OR ITS SUCCESSOR SECTION AND SECTIONS 42-2-101 AND 42-2-402 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR SECTIONS; OR

(d) THE VOTER'S YEAR OF BIRTH.

(2) A VOTER MAY ALSO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (1) BY AFFIXING THEIR SIGNATURE ON THE SELF-AFFIRMATION OF A RETURNED MAIL BALLOT AND INCLUDING THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF ANOTHER FORM OF COLORADO IDENTIFICATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT OF 2005 OR SUCCESSOR LEGISLATION

(3) IF THE VOTER FAILS TO FILL OUT ALL OR PART OF THE REQUIRED AFFIRMATION, OR IF AN ELECTION JUDGE IS UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED MATCHES THE VOTER'S INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR OTHER DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MUST SEND NOTICE TO THE VOTER INFORMING THEM OF THE PROCESS TO CORRECT THE DISCREPANCY. THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL NOT COUNT THE BALLOT UNTIL THE DISCREPANCY IS CORRECTED.

(4) A DISCREPANCY MAY BE CORRECTED BY PROVIDING A COPY OF THE VOTER'S REAL IDENTIFICATION IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OR (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION, US PASSPORT, US MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR TRIBAL PHOTO IDENTIFICATION, IN PERSON OR DIGITALLY, TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR OTHER DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.

(5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, A VOTER WHO IS PROVIDED THE RIGHT TO VOTE OTHERWISE THAN IN PERSON UNDER SECTION (b)(2)(B)(ii) OF THE FEDERAL "VOTING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED ACT", 52 U.S.C. SEC. 20102 ET SEQ., MAY PROVIDE ANY FORM OF IDENTIFICATION DEEMED ACCEPTABLE UNDER SECTION 1-1-104 (19.5) OR ITS SUCCESSOR SECTION TO CORRECT A DISCREPANCY.

(6) THE STATE SHALL REIMBURSE EACH COUNTY CLERK FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXECUTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.