

LEGISLATIVE KEY

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY = BILL NOT PASSED

SB = SENATE BILL

SENT TO GOVERNOR = BILL PASSED HOUSE & SENATE

HB = HOUSE BILL

VOTING & ELECTIONS**HB22-1086**

Position:

Status:

Sponsors:

The Vote Without Fear Act

Support

Signed by Governor

Rep. Bacon & Rep. Sullivan

Sen. Fields & Sen. Jaquez Lewis

HB 1086 bans the open carry of firearms within 100 feet of Voter Service and Polling Centers, ballot drop boxes, and vote count facilities. This bill will ensure that Coloradans can vote in-person, drop their ballots off, or serve as election judges without fear of intimidation by firearms.

HB22-1273

Position:

Status:

Sponsors:

Election Official Protection Act

Support

Sent to Governor

Rep. Sirota & Rep. Duran

Sen. Fenberg & Sen. Pettersen

HB 1273 creates new protections for election officials and election workers. It makes it illegal to threaten, harass, or intimidate election workers and creates new protections against doxing these officials. The bill will help ensure our election workers can do their jobs without being harassed, threatened, or doxed.

SB22-153

Position:

Status:

Sponsors:

Colorado Election Security Act

Support

Sent to Governor

Sen. Fenberg & Sen. Priola

Rep. Lontine

SB 153 adds certain security measures and protocols for state and county election officials. The bill creates certification requirements for state, county, and local election administrators. It expands security requirements for voting equipment by changing who has access to secure areas and increasing video surveillance requirements and retention of footage time periods. This bill is in response to new security threats, including internal ones.

HB22-1084

Position:

Status:

Sponsors:

Ineligible Jurors Voter Registration

Oppose

Postponed Indefinitely

Rep. Pico / Sen. Hisey

HB 1084 would have created an additional unnecessary and unvetted procedure to our state's robust voter registration list maintenance process. It would have required the courts to supply a monthly list of jurors who were self-described as ineligible because they had moved or were not citizens. We already have monthly processes to update our registration lists when voters move, and we have laws in place that prevent non-citizens from voting. This policy would have led to the inadvertent cancellation of many voter registrations. We support rigorous list maintenance procedures, and this was not one.

HB22-1085 Position: Status: Sponsors:	Paper Ballot Fraud Countermeasures Oppose Postponed Indefinitely Rep. Hanks	HB 1085 was a bill based on unfounded and disproven conspiracy theories. It would have required ballots to be printed on paper with very specific and expensive specifications to counter nonexistent fraud. This bill was unnecessary and would have added millions of dollars to the cost of our elections. There are already multiple steps in our election systems that would stop fraudulent ballots from being processed and counted.
HB22-1078 Position: Status: Sponsors:	Voting Systems Standards Adoption Oppose Postponed Indefinitely Rep. Baisley	HB 1078 would have required Colorado to comply with the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 by January 2023. While we strongly support the EAC and VVSG 2.0, it will be several years before vendors and testing facilities have fully adopted the guidelines. For this reason, the 2023 deadline would have been impossible to meet, and it would have caused a myriad of unintended consequences. We know that Colorado already embraces the fundamental security premise embodied in VVSG 2.0 - software independence and paper ballots. We will continue to work with the Secretary of State, General Assembly, and the U.S. EAC to adopt the principles reflected in VVSG 2.0 as they become practical to implement.
HB22-1204 Position: Status: Sponsors:	Elections Systems Oppose Postponed Indefinitely Rep. Hanks	HB 1204 is another bill that was based on disproven conspiracy theories. This bill would have eliminated Colorado's convenient and popular universal vote-by-mail system and replaced it with an all in-person on Election Day system. This would have been a disaster for our democracy. In addition, the bill would have required all votes to be counted by hand within 24 hours of Election Day, an impossibility.

CONSTITUTION & COURTS

HB22-1045 /HCR22-1001 Position: Status: Sponsors:	Statutory Initiative Petition Signature Requirements Oppose Postponed Indefinitely Rep. Holtorf	HB 1045/HCR 1001 would have added the same signature requirements for citizen-initiated statutory ballot measures as citizen-initiated constitutional amendments. Currently for a statutory ballot initiative the requirement is 5% of the total votes cast in the most recent election for Secretary of State. This bill would have required 2% of registered electors in each state senate district. We believe this would have limited the citizen-initiative process to just wealthy special interests, effectively pricing out grassroots organizations.
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HB22-1059	Two-Thirds Voting Requirements for Bills with Fees	HB 1059 would have required all bills that enacted or increased fees to be approved by two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate. This would have placed arbitrary constraints on lawmakers and prohibited them from passing critical fiscal policy like funding for certain programs. The bill would have also set a dangerous precedent for our democracy.
Position:	Oppose	
Status:	Postponed Indefinitely	
Sponsors:	Rep. Soper / Sen. Sonnenberg	
SB22-133	Provide Security for Certain Elected Officials	SB 133 will provide reliable access to security coverage from the Colorado State Patrol for members of the General Assembly and our statewide constitutional officers. This will allow them to do their jobs without fearing they may be the target of violence. It will also ensure that threats or fear for your safety are not additional barriers to running for elected office.
Position:	Support	
Status:	Sent to Governor	
Sponsors:	Sen. Winter, Sen. Priola / Rep. Esgar	
SB22-099	Sealing Criminal Records	SB 99 will automatically seal criminal records for certain non-violent offenses and make the process more convenient for others. This will help reduce barriers to employment and housing.
Position:	Support	
Status:	Sent to Governor	
Sponsors:	Sen. Hisey, Sen Rodriguez / Rep. Tipper	
HRJ22-1021	Call For Article V Convention	HJR 1021 was a resolution calling for an Article V Constitutional Convention to restrict the federal government's power, impose fiscal restraints, and add term limits for members of Congress. An Article V Convention poses grave threats to our democracy and civil liberties. There are no rules in the US Constitution to protect us from big changes to our constitutional rights during an Article V Convention.
Position:	Oppose	
Status:	Postponed Indefinitely	
Sponsors:	Rep. Hanks	

MONEY IN POLITICS

HB22-1060	Contribution Limits for School Board Candidates	HB 1060 adds much needed contribution limits for School Board Director candidates. It creates a \$2,500 individual contribution limit and a \$25,000 Small Donor Committee limit. These limits are in line with the current county candidate contribution limits.
Position:	Support	
Status:	Signed by Governor	
Sponsors:	Rep. Sirota / Sen. Gonzales	
SB22-237	Ballot Measures Campaign Finance	SB 237 creates clear standards that ensure entities and organizations spending money supporting or opposing ballot measures have adequate reporting requirements. It will also create processes for certain organizations to report their spending related to supporting or opposing ballot measures. This will increase transparency and ensure Coloradans know who is spending money to influence their votes.
Position:	Support	
Status:	Sent to Governor	
Sponsors:	Sen. Fenberg, Sen. Holbert / Rep. Kennedy, Rep. Larson	

TRANSPARENCY & OPEN RECORDS

HB22-1091	Online Availability of Judicial Opinions	HB 1091 will require that all opinions issued by the Colorado Supreme Court and Colorado Court of Appeals be accessible and searchable online for free. This will ensure that everyone can easily access them and bring these important legal decisions in line with documents like the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes.
Position:	Support	
Status:	Sent to Governor Rep. Soper, Rep. Weissman / Sen. Gardner, Sen. Bridges	
Sponsors:		

SB22-222	Amount of Tax Owed Table for Initiatives	SB 222 is a referred measure that will ask voters whether to include a table showing the amount owed for income levels on any ballot measures that increases or decreases the individual income tax rate. We believe this measure will increase transparency and provide voters with important information so they can make informed decisions when voting.
Position:	Support	
Status:	Sent to Governor	
Sponsors:	Sen. Pettersen, Sen. Moreno / Rep. Weissman, Rep. Kennedy	

MEDIA & DEMOCRACY

HB22-1121	Supporting Local Media	HB 1121 creates a tax incentive for small businesses when they advertise with local media outlets. We believe that a strong, independent press is critical to a health democracy. This bill would have helped local media outlets boost their advertising revenue and help keep Colorado's media diverse, open, and independent.
Position:	Support	
Status:	Died on the Calendar	
Sponsors:	Rep. Cutter	

ABOUT US

Colorado Common Cause is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring the core values of American democracy; reinventing an open, honest and accountable government that serves the public interest; and empowering ordinary people to make their voices heard in the political process. Learn more about us and get involved at ColoradoCommonCause.org.



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