

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	6/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases number of days after election, from 10 to 14, for voter to provide sufficient evidence to disprove challenge to ballot. Requires county to send notification to elector that ballot was returned unsigned or with signature that does not match voter registration record. Establishes that if verification not provided, electors' registration becomes inactive. Establishes that, following 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day after date of election, county clerk may, upon request, disclose name of elector, residential address, and reason for challenge.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reasons for the measure
- Prior amendments

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The county clerk, an elections official and any voter can challenge the validity of a ballot of any person at any time before the ballot is removed from its return envelope. If the county clerk determines the person who cast the challenged ballot is validly registered to vote and the vote was properly cast, the ballot will be counted. If the county clerk determines that the voter is not properly registered, a notice is mailed to the voter with a written statement that describes the nature of the challenge. If the voter fails to provide sufficient evidence to verify his or her registration not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the date of the election, the registration of the person shall be considered inactive until the person updates or verifies the registration, or the registration is canceled, or the county clerk may determine that the person is validly registered. The county clerk shall ensure that the challenged ballot includes the number of the written statement of challenge so that the ballot may be identified in any future contest of the election. However, the county clerk must ensure that the information on the numbered written statement is treated as confidential so that, in the event of a recount of votes, it cannot be determined how any challenged person voted.