

## HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 20 and substitute:  
2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-13-724 as  
3 follows:

4 **1-13-724. Unlawfully carrying a firearm at a polling location**  
5 **or drop box - exception - legislative declaration.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

7 (I) THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES FREE AND OPEN  
8 ELECTIONS;

9 (II) ALL COLORADANS SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR  
10 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE FREELY AND SAFELY;

11 (III) OPENLY CARRIED FIREARMS IN OR NEAR A POLLING LOCATION  
12 OR DROP BOX MAY INTIMIDATE, THREATEN, OR COERCE VOTERS,  
13 AFFECTING COLORADANS' EXERCISE OF THEIR VOTING RIGHTS; AND

14 (IV) DUE IN PART TO SUCH CONCERNS, STATES HAVE REGULATED  
15 FIREARMS AT POLLING LOCATIONS SINCE THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

16 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER DECLARES THAT:

17 (I) REGULATING OPENLY CARRIED FIREARMS AT POLLING  
18 LOCATIONS AND DROP BOXES IS SUBSTANTIALLY RELATED TO THE  
19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTEREST IN ENSURING ALL COLORADO VOTERS  
20 HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SAFE AND FREE  
21 FROM INTIMIDATION;

22 (II) NOTHING IN THIS "VOTE WITHOUT FEAR ACT" IS INTENDED TO  
23 SHIELD A PERSON FROM PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-13-  
24 713; AND

25 (III) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT SECURITY  
26 PERSONNEL CONTRACTED FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANY LOCATION IN  
27 COLORADO THAT INCLUDES A POLLING LOCATION OR DROP BOX SHALL  
28 TAKE THE UTMOST CARE TO PROVIDE A SAFE VOTING ENVIRONMENT,  
29 WHILE STILL ENSURING THAT THEIR PRESENCE AND BEHAVIOR DOES NOT  
30 HAVE AN INTIMIDATING, THREATENING, OR COERCIVE EFFECT ON A VOTER  
31 WHO IS EXERCISING THE VOTER'S RIGHT TO VOTE.

32 (2) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS THE "VOTE WITHOUT  
33 FEAR ACT."

34 (3) (a) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO".

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