

**First Regular Session
Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

ENGROSSED

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted
on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 25-0905.01 Owen Hatch x2698

HOUSE BILL 25-1301

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Carter and Espenoza,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Roberts and Gonzales J.,

House Committees
Judiciary

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF VOICE COURT REPORTERS TO THE LIST**
102 **OF PROFESSIONALS WHO MAY ADMINISTER AN OATH OR**
103 **AFFIRMATION.**

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law does not allow a voice court reporter to administer an oath or affirmation. The bill adds voice reporters to the list of professionals who may administer an oath or affirmation.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
March 27, 2025

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-12-103 as
3 follows:

4 **24-12-103. Who may administer oaths or affirmations.** (1) All
5 courts in this state and each judge, justice, magistrate, referee, clerk, and
6 deputy clerk; ~~thereof~~; court reporters who hold the registered professional
7 reporter, CERTIFIED VERBATIM REPORTER, OR CERTIFIED VERBATIM
8 REPORTER - STENOGRAPHIC certification or higher; members and referees of
9 the division of labor standards and statistics; members of the public
10 utilities commission; and notaries public have power to administer oaths
11 or affirmations to witnesses and others concerning ~~any~~ A matter, thing,
12 process, or proceeding pending, commenced, or to be commenced before
13 them. ~~respectively~~.

14 (2) The courts, judges, magistrates, referees, clerks, and deputy
15 clerks within their respective districts or counties; court reporters who
16 hold the registered professional reporter, CERTIFIED VERBATIM REPORTER,
17 OR CERTIFIED VERBATIM REPORTER - STENOGRAPHIC certification or higher;
18 a person designated by the governing body, or ~~any~~ AN officer ~~thereof~~ OF
19 THE BODY; and notaries public within ~~any~~ A county of this state have the
20 power to administer all oaths or affirmations of office and other oaths or
21 affirmations required to be taken by ~~any~~ A person upon ~~any~~ A lawful
22 occasion and to take affidavits and depositions concerning ~~any~~ A matter
23 or thing, process, or proceeding pending, commenced, or to be
24 commenced in ~~any~~ A court or on ~~any~~ AN occasion an affidavit or a
25 deposition is authorized or by law required to be taken.

26 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
27 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

- 1 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
- 2 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 3 institutions.