

Important Numbers and Websites

ColoradoLegalServices.org   

For low-income Coloradans seeking legal assistance and Colorado legal advocates



Family and Children
Divorce, Protection Orders,
Custody and Support



Housing
Eviction, Landlord / Tenant,
Public Housing



Consumer Issues
Bankruptcy, Utilities, Debt
Collection, Fraud



Elder Law
Medical Directives, Powers of
Attorney, Wills



Health Law
Medicaid, Medicare, Mental
Health



Immigration
Immigration and
Naturalization

Call the Colorado Legal Services office nearest you before visiting as each office has different hours. Many offices have Spanish-speaking receptionists and others on staff who speak Spanish.

Alamosa

Phone: 719.589.4993

Boulder

Phone: 303.449.7575

Colorado Springs

Phone: 719.471.0380

Denver Metro

Phone: 303.837.1313

Durango

Phone: 1.888.298.8483

Fort Collins

Phone: 970.493.2891

Frisco

Phone: 1.800.521.6968

Grand Junction

Phone: 970.243.7817

Greeley

Phone: 970.353.7554

Gunnison

Phone: 1.800.521.6968

Hayden

Phone: 1.800.521.6968

La Junta

Phone: 1.888.805.5152

Leadville

Phone: 1.800.521.6968

Migrant Farmworker Div

Phone: 1.800.864.4330

Pueblo

Phone: 719.545.6708

Salida

Phone: 719.539.4251

www.coloradolegalservices.org

The **Citizen's Advocate Corps** was established in 1993 to increase state government's responsiveness to the concerns of the public. The Advocate Corps serves as a resource for citizens to address concerns and obtain information related to state government.

The first step toward requesting assistance through the Advocacy Office is to determine whether your concern, problem or complaint is within the jurisdiction of the Department of Revenue. If your complaint is a local government, federal government or judicial issue, it cannot be resolved through the Department of Revenue Advocacy Office. Your information is kept confidential and there is no charge for the mediation of the Advocacy Office.



Telephone number: 303-866-4622 or 800-536-5321 (please leave a message)

Email: dwebb@spike.dor.state.co.us

The **Colorado Foreclosure Hotline** is an initiative committed to referring homeowners in some state of delinquency or foreclosure to a toll-free phone number (1-877-601-HOPE) that connects callers with local housing counseling agencies for free assistance.

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United States Government



The Executive Branch is Headed by the President of the United States who carries out federal laws and recommends new ones, directs national defense and foreign policy, and performs ceremonial duties. Powers include directing government, commanding the Armed Forces, dealing with international powers, acting as chief law enforcement officer, and vetoing laws.

The Judicial Branch is Headed by the Supreme Court whose powers include interpreting the Constitution, reviewing laws, and deciding cases involving states' rights.

The Legislative Branch is headed by Congress, which includes the House of Representatives and the Senate. The main task of these two bodies is to make the laws. Its powers include passing laws, originating spending bills (House), impeaching officials (Senate), and approving treaties (Senate).

Colorado is represented at the federal level by two Senators and seven Representatives.

Colorado Members of the United States Congress

United States Senate					
	Senator [Pty]	Address		D.C. Phone	Local Phone
	Michael Bennet [D]	Contact information not available at time of printing			
	Mark Udall [D]	521 Dirksen Senate Ofc. Bldg	Wash. DC 20510	202-224-5941	303-650-7820
United States House of Representatives					
Dist#	Representative [Pty]	Address		D.C. Phone	Local Phone
1	Diana DeGette [D]	2335 Rayburn H.O.B.	Wash. DC 20515	202-225-4431	303-844-4988
2	Jared Polis [D]	501 Cannon H.O.B.	Wash. DC 20515	202-225-2161	303-484-9596
3	John Salazar [D]	326 Cannon H.O.B.	Wash. DC 20515	202-225-4761	719-543-8200
4	Betsy Markey [D]	1229 Longworth H.O.B.	Wash. DC 20515	202-225-4676	970-***.****
5	Doug Lamborn [R]	437 Cannon H.O.B.	Wash. DC 20515	202-225-4422	719-520-0055
6	Mike Coffman [R]	1508 Longworth H.O.B.	Wash. DC 20515	202-225-7882	720-283-9772
7	Ed Perlmutter [D]	415 Cannon H.O.B.	Wash. DC 20515	202-225-2645	303-274-7944

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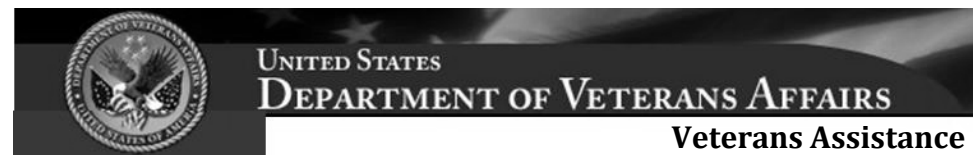
County Departments of Social-Human Services

Adams	(303) 287-8831	La Plata	(970) 382-6150
Alamosa	(719) 589-2581	Larimer	(970) 498-6300
Arapahoe	(303) 636-1130	Las Animas	(719) 846-2276
Archuleta	(970) 264-2182	Lincoln	(719) 743-2404 x141
Baca	(719) 523-4131	Logan	(970) 522-2194 x228
Bent	(719) 456-2620 x 108	Mesa	(970) 248-2703
Boulder	(303) 441-1000	Mineral	(719) 657-3381
Broomfield	(720) 887-2222	Moffat	(970) 824-8282
Chaffee	(719) 539-6627	Montezuma	(970) 564-4105
Cheyenne	(719) 767-5629	Montrose	(970) 252-5000
Clear Creek	(303) 679-2371	Morgan	(970) 542-3531
Conejos	(719) 376-5455	Otero	(719) 383-3100
Costilla	(719) 672-4131		(Assistance Payments)
Crowley	(719) 267-3546 x 248		(719) 383-3166
Custer	(719) 783-2371		(Adult Protection)
Delta	(970) 874-2030		(719) 383-3168
Denver	(720) 944-3666		(Child Protection)
Dolores	(970) 564-4105	Ouray	(970) 626-2299
Douglas	(303) 660-7379	Park	(303) 816-5930
Eagle	(970) 328-8840	Phillips	(970) 854-2280
Elbert	(303) 621-3207	Pitkin	(970) 920-5209
El Paso	(719) 444-5532	Prowers	(719) 336-7486
Fremont	(719) 275-2318	Pueblo	(719) 583-6160
Garfield	(970) 945-9191 x3037 (Glenwood Springs) (970) 625-5282 (Rifle)	Rio Blanco	(970) 878-9640
		Rio Grande	(719) 657-3381
		Routt	(970) 879-1540
		Saguache	(719) 655-2537
Gilpin	(303) 582-5444	San Juan	(970) 387-5326
Grand	(970) 725-3331	San Miguel	(970) 728-4411
Gunnison	(970) 641-7940	Sedgwick	(970) 474-3397, ext.13
Hinsdale	(970) 641-7940	Summit	(970) 668-9165
Huerfano	(719) 738-2810	Teller	(719) 687-3335
Jackson	(970) 723-4750	Washington	(970) 345-2238 or (888) 844-2238
Jefferson	(303) 271-1388		
Kiowa	(719) 438-5541	Weld	(970) 352-1551
Kit Carson	(719) 346-8732	Yuma	(970) 332-4877 x.306
Lake	(719) 486-2088		



www.benefitscheckup.org/

Since 2001, millions of people have used BenefitsCheckUp to find benefits programs that help them pay for prescription drugs, health care, rent, utilities, and other needs. For more information on BenefitsCheckUp, call 303-629-4996 or 1-866-550-2752 or email comments@benefitscheckup.org.



Veterans Assistance

Health Care 877-222-8387 | Benefits 800-827-1000 | Website: www.va.gov



www.socialsecurity.gov

By calling **1-800-772-1213**, you can use the Social Security Administration's automated telephone services to get recorded information and conduct some business 24 hours a day. If you cannot handle your business through the automated services, you can speak to a Social Security representative between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call the toll-free TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**, between 7 a.m. -7 p.m. Monday—Friday.

Social Security Offices in Colorado

Alamosa

602 Del Sol Drive 1-A
Alamosa, CO 81101
Phone 719-589-2953

Aurora

14280 E Jewell Ave., Suite 250
Aurora, CO 80012
Phone 1-800-772-1213

Boulder

4949 Pearl East Circle, Suite 101
Boulder, CO 80301
Phone 1-800-772-1213

Cañon City

115 N 10th St
Cañon City, CO 81212
Phone 719-275-7848

Colorado Springs

1049 N Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Phone 719-574-9279

Denver

1500 Champa St., 2nd Fl Suite 200
Denver, CO 80202
Phone 1-800-772-1213

Durango

103 Sheppard Dr., Suite 120
Durango, CO 81303
Phone 970-247-3128

Fort Collins

301 S Howes St., 4th Floor
Fort Collins, CO 80521
Phone 970-482-7354

Glenwood Springs

201 Fourteenth St., Rm 101
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Phone 970-945-8609

Grand Junction

744 Horizon Ct., Rm 120
Grand Junction, CO 81506
Phone 970-245-2627

Greeley

5400 West 11 St., Suite A
Greeley, CO 80634
Phone 970-353-2192

La Junta

1314 E 3rd St
La Junta, CO 81050
Phone 719-384-8887

Lakewood

13151 W Alameda Pkwy
Lakewood, CO 80228
Phone 1-800-772-1213

Littleton

8000 Southpark Ln.
Littleton, CO 80120
Phone 1-800-772-1213

Montrose

1805 Pavilion Dr
Montrose, CO 81401
Phone 970-249-1072

Pueblo

201 West 8th St., Ste 700 7th Floor
Pueblo, CO 81003
Phone 719-545-9248

Trinidad

207 E Main St
Trinidad, CO 81082
Phone 719-846-6556

How a BILL becomes LAW

- A bill is introduced when a member of Congress decides to create a new law.
- Any member of Congress can introduce a bill.
- Only members of the House may introduce bills that deal with taxes or spending.
- Before a bill can become a law, both houses of Congress must pass identical versions of the bill.

the House and the vice president sign it. The bill must be signed before being sent to the president.

In each two-year session, thousands of bills come before Congress. Almost twelve thousand bills were introduced in Congress in one recent session. Less than five hundred were enacted into law.

Once a bill is introduced in either house, it goes through almost the same process. Each bill is first assigned to a committee for review. The bill is tabled, or set aside, if the committee decides the bill is not worthy. The bill is sent to the entire house for debate if the committee decides the bill is worthy of further action.

A bill becomes law if the president signs it. The president doesn't always wish to sign the bill. He may choose to say no by vetoing it. If this happens, the bill is sent back to Congress. If two-thirds of all the members of Congress vote yes, the bill can still become law. The bill dies when there are not enough votes to override the President. Sometimes a president decides to do nothing. He may decide neither to sign nor veto a bill. If Congress is in session, the bill becomes law after ten days without the president's signature. Otherwise, the bill suffers a pocket veto and does not become law.

If the bill passes, it is sent to the other house. A joint committee works out any differences the two houses of Congress have concerning a bill. When both houses agree on a bill, the Speaker of

For questions about Federal agencies, programs, benefits, or services check out www.USA.gov.

You can also call the National Contact Center toll free at **1 (800) FED-INFO** (that's 1-800-333-4636). They also have recordings of frequently requested information available around the clock. They can answer your question or get you someone who can. Or you can e-mail your questions or comments via a handy webform on the USA.gov website. You can learn more about the United States of America and our government from the United States Information Service at www.america.gov.





The **Executive Branch** of Colorado government is made up of State Officers named in the State Constitution. They are: the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, and the Attorney General. State Officers are elected to four year terms and may serve only two consecutive terms.

The **Judicial Branch** interprets and administers the law. Courts make up the Judicial Branch. Courts conduct and review trials in both civil and criminal cases. There are four primary courts in Colorado: County Courts, District Courts, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.

The **Colorado Legislature**, known as the General Assembly, makes and revises laws for the state and is comprised of 100 elected members,

- There are 35 Senate legislative districts and 65 House districts which are adjusted every ten years, based on changes in the distribution of the state's population.
- Senators are elected every four years and Representatives are elected every two years. The Constitution limits the number of consecutive terms legislators may serve.

SENATOR	Dist	Pty	Telephone	SENATOR	Dist	Pty	Telephone
Bacon, Bob	14	D	303-866-4841	Mitchell, Shawn	23	R	303-866-4876
Boyd, Betty	21	D	303-866-4857	Morse, John P.	11	D	303-866-6364
Brophy, Greg	1	R	303-866-6360	Newell, Linda	26	D	303-866-4846
Cadman, Bill	10	R	303-866-2737	Penry, Josh	7	R	303-866-3077
Carroll, Morgan	29	D	303-866-4879	Renfroe, Scott W.	13	R	303-866-4451
Foster Joyce	35	D	303-866-4875	Romer, Chris	32	D	303-866-4852
Gibbs, Dan	16	D	303-866-4873	Sandoval, Paula E.	34	D	303-866-4862
Groff, Peter C.	33	D	303-866-3342	Scheffel, Mark	4	R	303-866-4869
Harvey, Ted	30	R	303-866-4881	Schultheis, Dave	9	R	303-866-4835
Heath, Rollie	18	D	303-866-4872	Schwartz, Gail	5	D	303-866-4871
Hodge, Mary	25	D	303-866-4855	Shaffer, Brandon C.	17	D	303-866-3341
Hudak, Evie	19	D	303-866-4840	Spence, Nancy	27	R	303-866-4883
Isgar, Jim	6	D	303-866-4884	Tapia, Abel J.	3	D	303-866-2581
Johnson, Steve	15	R	303-866-4853	Tochtrop, Lois	24	D	303-866-4863
Keller, Moe	20	D	303-866-2585	Veiga, Jennifer	31	D	303-866-4861
Kester, Ken	2	R	303-866-4877	White, Al	8	R	303-866-2586
King, Keith	12	R	303-866-4880	Williams, Suzanne	28	D	303-866-3432
Kopp, Mike	22	R	303-866-2638				

Register to Vote

Before you begin, make sure you have:

- A voter registration application (available at the Colorado Secretary of State website or office or your county clerk website or office)
- An acceptable form of identification
- A physical mailing address



Register to Vote Checklist

- **Meet the criteria to register.** You can register to vote if you will be 18 by Election Day, be a resident of Colorado and a U.S. citizen and lived at your place of residency 30 days prior to the election.
- **Fill out the registration form.** You may fill the application out online before you print the form. The application is a simple one-page form. The application cannot be processed without the address where you live and verification of identity. *If you choose to complete the voter registration application by hand, print clearly and use black ink.*
- **Mail or deliver the application** form in person to your county clerk. In order to vote in an election, the application must be postmarked or delivered in person 29 days before the election to the county clerk and recorder's office.
- **Identity must be verified** before your application is complete. You may mail a copy of whichever identification you choose to use such as Colorado driver's license or Colorado State ID card. If you do not have either of these forms of identification, you may still apply using an alternate form of identification. Call or check online to see the alternative forms of identification you may use. Colorado does not accept a Social Security number as a legal form of identification for voting by mail.
- **Receive your voter identification card** in the mail.
- **Check your voter identification card carefully** for errors. Correct any errors and return it to the county clerk or county recorder office immediately

Voting in Colorado

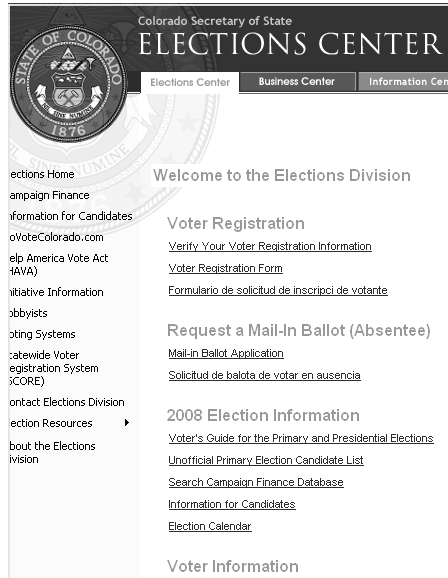
Check Current Status

With access to a computer and the internet voter registration status can be checked at the **Colorado Secretary of State's** website.

Go to: www.sos.state.co.us/.

Find **Elections Center** on the home page and then Click On **Elections Home**

From the Elections Center Home Page you can check voter registration information.



Voter registration status may also be confirmed by contacting the **Clerk and Recorders' office** of the jurisdiction you live in:

Adams
450 S. 4th Ave., Ste. 200, Brighton 80601
(303) 654-6020
1865 W 121 Ave Ste. 600, Westminster 80234
(303) 920-7850

Alamosa
402 Edison Ave., Alamosa 81101
(719) 589-6681

Arapahoe
5334 S. Prince St., Littleton 80166
(303) 795-4200

Boulder
1750 33rd St., Ste. 200, Boulder 80301-2546
(303) 413-7740

Broomfield
1 Descombes Drive, Broomfield 80020-2495
(303) 464-5819

Delta
501 Palmer, Ste. 211, Delta 81416-1764
(970) 874-2150

Denver
3888 East Mexico Ave., Denver 80210-3813
(720) 913-8683

Douglas
301 Wilcox St., Castle Rock 80104-1360
(303) 660-7444 Fax: (303) 688-3067

El Paso
200 S. Cascade Ave., Colo Springs 80903-2279
(719) 520-6222

Fremont
615 Macon Ave., Rm 102, Canon City 81212
(719) 276-7332

Lake
505 Harrison Ave., Leadville 80461-0917
(719) 486-1410

La Plata
1060 E. 2nd Ave, #134, Durango 81301-0519
(970) 382-6296

Larimer
200 W. Oak St., Ft. Collins 80521-2713
(970) 498-7820

Mesa
544 Rood Ave., Ste. 301, Grand Junction 81502
(970) 244-1714

Montrose
320 S. 1st St., Montrose 81401-3907
(970) 249-3362 X.3

Pueblo
215 W. 10th St., Pueblo 81003
(719) 583-6507

Colorado Government

REPRESENTATIVE	Dist	Pty	Telephone	REPRESENTATIVE	Dist	Pty	Telephone
Acree, Cindy	40	R	303-866-2944	McCann, Elizabeth	8	D	303-866-2959
Apuan, Dennis	17	D	303-866-3069	McFadyen, "Buffie"	47	D	303-866-2905
Balmer, David G	39	R	303-866-2935	McGihon, Anne L.	3	D	303-866-2921
Baumgardner, Randy	57	R	303-866-2949	McKinley, Wes	64	D	303-866-2398
Benefield, Debbie	29	D	303-866-2950	McNulty, Frank	43	R	303-866-2936
Bradford, Laura	55	R	303-866-2583	Merrifield, Michael	18	D	303-866-2932
Carroll, Terrance	7	D	303-866-2346	Middleton, Karen	42	D	303-866-3911
Casso, Edward	32	D	303-866-2964	Miklosi, Joe	9	D	303-866-2910
Court, Lois	6	D	303-866-2967	Murray, Carole	45	R	303-866-2948
Curry, Kathleen	61	D	303-866-2945	Pace, Sal	46	D	303-866-2968
Ferrandino, Mark	2	D	303-866-2911	Peniston, Cherylin	35	D	303-866-2843
Fischer, Randy	53	D	303-866-2917	Pommer, Jack	11	D	303-866-2780
Frangas, K. Jerry	4	D	303-866-2954	Primavera, Dianne	33	D	303-866-4667
Gagliardi, Sara	27	D	303-866-2962	Priola, Kevin	30	R	303-866-2912
Gardner, Bob	21	R	303-866-2191	Rice, Joe	38	D	303-866-2953
Gardner, Cory	63	R	303-866-2906	Riesberg, Jim	50	D	303-866-2929
Gerou, Cheri	25	R	303-866-2582	Roberts, Ellen	59	R	303-866-2914
Green, Gwyn	23	D	303-866-2951	Ryden, Su	36	D	303-866-2942
Hullinghorst, DickyLee	10	D	303-866-2915	Scanlan, Christine	56	D	303-866-2952
Judd, Joel	5	D	303-866-2925	Schafer, Sue	24	D	303-866-5522
Kefalas, John	52	D	303-866-4569	Solano, Judy	31	D	303-866-2918
Kerr, Andy	26	D	303-866-2923	Sonnenberg, Jerry	65	R	303-866-3706
Kerr, James "Jim"	28	R	303-866-2939	Soper, John	34	D	303-866-2931
King, Steve	54	R	303-866-3068	Stephens, Amy	20	R	303-866-2924
Labuda, Jeanne	1	D	303-866-2966	Summers, Ken	22	R	303-866-2927
Lambert, Kent D.	14	R	303-866-2937	Swalm, Spencer	37	R	303-866-5510
Levy, Claire	13	D	303-866-2578	Tipton, Scott R.	58	R	303-866-2955
Liston, Larry	16	R	303-866-2965	Todd, Nancy	41	D	303-866-2919
Looper, Marsha	19	R	303-866-2946	Vaad, Glenn	48	R	303-866-2943
Lundberg, Kevin	49	R	303-866-2907	Vigil, Edward	62	D	303-866-2916
Marostica, Don	51	R	303-866-2947	Waller, Mark	15	R	303-866-5525
Massey, Tom	60	R	303-866-2747	Weissmann, Paul	12	D	303-866-2920
May, Mike	44	R	303-866-5523				

Colorado State Capitol Mailing Address: 200 E Colfax | Denver CO 80203

If you are outside the Denver Metro Area, contact legislators toll-free:
State Representatives 1-800-811-7647 | **State Senators:** 1-888-473-8136
Legislative Home page: www.leg.state.co.us

If you don't know who your elected officials are, contact your local county clerk's office (see page 8 for a selected list of county clerks' offices) or checkout this website: www.projectvotesmart.org.



- The Colorado legislative session convenes annually for 120 days starting the second Wednesday of January.
- Each Legislator is able to sponsor five bills.
- Each Legislator can cosponsor (lend his or her name in support of) as many bills as they choose.

How a BILL becomes LAW

A bill can be introduced in the House or Senate. The process is the same for both chambers. **Here is an example of a bill originating in the House:**

A **House Bill**, introduced by a member of the House of Representatives, is first read by the House clerk (also called being *read across the desk*).

- The Speaker of the House refers, or assigns, the bill to a committee.
- The committee hears the bill and votes on what to do with it
 - send it to another committee,
 - send it to a committee that they know will kill the bill
 - approve the bill or
 - PI - Postpone Indefinitely- which in effect, kills the bill.

If the bill is approved by the committee, it goes to Second Reading on the floor of the House. The bill is then debated and voted upon. This vote is not recorded.

If the bill passes Second Reading the entire House hears the bill, debates it and amends it as it desires. Third Reading and final passage is the recorded vote. At this time the

Representatives push either a green light for a yes vote or a red light for a no vote. Their vote is recorded in public record.

If the bill passes, it moves to the Senate.

- The first reading is by the Senate Clerk.
- The President of the Senate refers it to a committee.
- The committee considers the bill and votes on what to do with it.

The Second Reading in the Senate is when the Senators debate and amend the bill as they desire. **Third reading** and final passage is a recorded vote. (This is different in the Senate as the Senate Chambers do not have the red-green light system that the House does). The Senate can approve a bill with a voice vote. Unless a Senator asks for a roll-call vote and votes against a bill, she is assumed to have voted for it during the voice vote.

If the bill passes the Senate, it returns to the House.

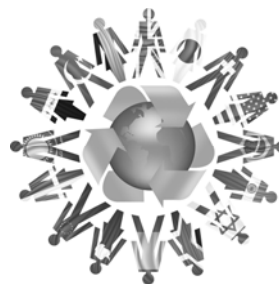
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- If the bill has passed both houses in identical form it is sent to the Governor for signing.
- If the bill passed both houses in different forms and the House accepts the changes, it can be sent to the governor for signing.
- If the House rejects the changes made in the Senate and does not ask for a Conference Committee (composed of both Senators and Representatives) the bill is dead.
- If the House rejects the changes and asks for a Conference Committee, the Conference Committee attempts to iron out the differences between the two houses and the report of this committee hearing is sent to both houses.
- If both houses accept the compromise the bill is sent to the Governor.
- If the Governor signs a bill, it becomes law or becomes part of the Colorado Revised Statutes.
- If the Governor fails to sign a bill within 10 days during the legislative session or 30 days if the session is adjourned, it becomes law without his signature.
- If the Governor vetoes a bill, it is returned to the house of origin, in the case of this bill, to the House. The House then votes whether or not to override the Governor's veto. A vote to override takes the approval of two-thirds of the Elected Membership.

Every bill is evaluated to see if any fiscal note should be attached. If the bill requires funding, it can be the death of the bill. Every prudent legislator weighs the cost of the fiscal note.

Local Governments



There are over 3,000 local governments of various types in Colorado.

Each local government has statutorily defined authority and responsibility. These include cities, counties, property tax entities, and several other local government types that may provide services varying from road construction or fire service to recreation or mosquito control.

The Department of Local Affairs maintains a current list of active governments and a file for each. www.dola.state.co.us

In Denver, the 3-1-1 Call Center is staffed by City employees who are trained to assist you.. The 3-1-1 service is designed to provide one number to call for all of your City and County of Denver NON-EMERGENCY questions, problems and concerns.

