CHAPTER 306
COURTS

HOUSE BILL 25-1301

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Carter and Espenoza, Bacon, Duran, Garcia, Lindsay, Mabrey, Valdez; also SENATOR(S) Roberts and Gonzales J., Cutter, Danielson, Exum, Jodeh, Kipp, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Wallace, Winter F., Coleman.

## AN ACT

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

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

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

- **24-12-103.** Who may administer oaths or affirmations. (1) All courts in this state and each judge, justice, magistrate, referee, clerk, and deputy clerk; thereof; court reporters who hold the registered professional reporter, CERTIFIED VERBATIM REPORTER, OR CERTIFIED VERBATIM REPORTER STENOTYPE certification or higher; members and referees of the division of labor standards and statistics; members of the public utilities commission; and notaries public have power to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses and others concerning any A matter, thing, process, or proceeding pending, commenced, or to be commenced before them. respectively.
- (2) The courts, judges, magistrates, referees, clerks, and deputy clerks within their respective districts or counties; court reporters who hold the registered professional reporter, CERTIFIED VERBATIM REPORTER, OR CERTIFIED VERBATIM REPORTER STENOTYPE certification or higher; a person designated by the governing body, or any AN officer thereof OF THE BODY; and notaries public within any A county of this state have the power to administer all oaths or affirmations of office and other oaths or affirmations required to be taken by any A person upon any A lawful occasion and to take affidavits and depositions concerning any A matter or thing, process, or proceeding pending, commenced, or to be commenced in any A court or on any AN occasion an affidavit or a deposition is authorized or by law required to be taken.

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**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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