A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning limited authorization for a county clerk and recorder to redact the first five digits of a social security number from a public document filed with the clerk and recorder at the request of the individual to whom the social security number is assigned.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill requires a county clerk and recorder (clerk) to redact the
first 5 digits of a social security number from a public document filed with the clerk upon the request of the individual assigned the social security number or that individual's designee by power of attorney or appointment of personal representative, custodian, conservator, or guardian if:

- The document is in electronic form;
- The clerk has the equipment needed to make the redaction automatically; and
- The individual requesting redaction makes the request in writing on a form provided by the clerk and pays a fee.

A clerk may, but is not required to, make a requested redaction even if he or she lacks the equipment to do so automatically.

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

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 30-10-406.5 as follows:

3 30-10-406.5. Redaction of first five digits of social security numbers on public documents. (1) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL REDACT THE FIRST FIVE DIGITS OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FROM A PUBLIC DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE CLERK AND RECORDER UPON THE REQUEST OF THE INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNED THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR THAT INDIVIDUAL'S DESIGNEE BY POWER OF ATTORNEY OR APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, CUSTODIAN, CONSERVATOR, OR GUARDIAN IF:

4 (a) The document is in electronic form;
5 (b) The clerk and recorder has the equipment needed to automatically make the redaction; and
6 (c) The individual requesting redaction makes the request in writing on a form provided by the clerk and pays a fee pursuant to section 30-1-103 (1).

7 (2) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, MAKE A REQUESTED REDACTION EVEN IF HE OR SHE LACKS THE
SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect January 1, 2015; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on January 1, 2015, or on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.