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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS REGARDING ELECTIONS, AND,**
102 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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>.)

The bill modifies the "Uniform Election Code of 1992" (code) and the "Colorado Open Records Act" as follows:

- Regarding elections generally, includes a division of youth corrections identification card or correspondence from a county sheriff indicating that an elector is confined in jail or detention in the definition of "identification" for

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purposes of the code; repeals the definition of "political party district"; modifies the definition of video security surveillance recording; repeals an obsolete provision related to past district elections; and requires each county clerk and recorder (clerk) to set operational hours for the clerk's office;

- Regarding the qualification and registration of electors, requires and specifies the information institutions of higher education must provide to students by email, on the 15th day and final day before an election, or posting on campus concerning voting, voter eligibility, and registration; requires the clerk, rather than an election judge, to provide an affidavit to an elector to correct an error in the elector's affiliation recorded in the statewide database; modifies the language concerning preregistration of a high school student; specifies that the principal of a public high school or their designee who assists in preregistration and registration to vote are high school liaisons, rather than deputy registrars, and eliminates certain filing requirements; and makes the secretary of state (secretary), rather than the clerk, responsible for cancelling certain registrations pursuant to existing law;
- Regarding presidential electors, specifies that if a presidential or vice-presidential candidate dies or withdraws as a candidate after accepting the nomination of a political party but prior to the meeting of presidential electors, an elector's vote for the presidential candidate or vice-presidential candidate refers to the successor candidate nominated by the political party;
- Regarding congressional vacancy elections, modifies notice, preparation, and conduct of elections; requires elections to be concurrent with a primary or general election if the vacancy occurs between 150 and 90 days of such election; requires elections to be conducted according to provisions for general elections; and specifies the arrangement of names on the ballot;
- Regarding access to the ballot by candidates, clarifies that no person is eligible to be a candidate for more than one office only if both offices are to be voted on in the same election; modifies the timeline for nomination of minor political party candidates; and eliminates the requirement that a candidate file a written acceptance of a nomination by mail, fax, or hand delivery;
- Regarding notice and preparation of elections, clarifies that a voter service and polling center (VSPC) that experiences

- a shortage of supplies, including ballots, shall not close and may be required to remain open longer on election day; specifies that, in addition to existing designation by sign requirements, a VSPC on the campus of an institution of higher education must be identified and described in signs conspicuously posted at the student center and in an email sent to all enrolled students; and allows the clerk of any county with 1,000 or more active electors, upon consultation with the board of county commissioners, to adopt an electronic or electromechanical voting system;
- Regarding election judges, changes the age eligibility requirements for a student election judge from 16 to 15 and expands the methods for notice and acceptance of an election judge appointment;
 - Regarding the conduct of elections, repeals the requirement for an election judge to proclaim the polls are open or will be closed in 30 minutes on election day; modifies the 2-hour period that eligible electors are entitled to be absent from work to vote from only on election day to any day when VSPCs are open; allows an elector to take printed or written materials of their choice into a VSPC as a resource for voting; creates new reporting requirements for counties with one or more VSPCs experiencing a wait time in excess of one hour; creates a requirement for a public hearing regarding such VSPCs to be conducted by the secretary in coordination with the reporting clerk; recognizes other significant issues, in addition to a software or hardware malfunction, that may make counting ballots with electronic vote-tabulating equipment impracticable; and creates a requirement for a reporting county to include certain additional information in its next proposed election plan;
 - Regarding mail ballot elections, modifies mail ballot delivery times; requires a minimum number of hours for in-person voting at a county jail or detention center based on the number of beds available; modifies the timeline for submission and approval of proposed election plans; allows the secretary to request modification of an election plan and adds requirements for the submission of such a modified plan; changes the enrolled-student threshold from 2,000 to 1,000 for purposes of requiring a drop box on campus and requires a drop box on the campus of private institutions of higher education in addition to state institutions; and requires a clerk who fails to send a signature verification form within the 2-day deadline to send the signature

- verification by overnight mail or hand delivery;
- Regarding challenges to registration, repeals the provision for any registered elector to challenge the registration of another person for illegal or fraudulent registration;
- Regarding election returns, clarifies the ministerial nature of a canvass board's duty to certify the abstract of votes cast upon confirmation that the ballots have been reconciled;
- Regarding vacancies in office, requires the governor to appoint a person who is a member of the same political party as the former United States senator to fill a vacancy in that office; and clarifies that a person appointed to fill a partisan office vacancy serves only until the next general election, at which time the remainder of the vacant term, if any, is filled by election; and
- Regarding election offenses, clarifies the offense of voter interference occurs when a person interferes with a voter within 100 feet of a polling or drop-off location or drop box; clarifies that offenses involving a false slate of presidential electors extends to lists of electors voting and votes for candidates for president and vice president of the United States, or their successors.

The bill amends the "Colorado Open Records Act" to make language gender neutral and specify that a designated election official is not required to cover or redact from ballot markings or messages voluntarily made by an elector.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend**
 3 (19.5)(a)(III), (19.5)(a)(VII), (49.9), and (51); and **repeal** (26) as follows:

4 **1-1-104. Definitions.**

5 As used in this code, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (19.5) (a) "Identification" means:

7 (III) A valid United States passport OR PASSPORT CARD;

8 (VII) (A) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,
 9 government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows
 10 the name and address of the elector;

11 (B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (19.5)(a)(VII), A

1 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT INCLUDES A DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS
2 IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
3 TO THE ELECTOR OR WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COUNTY
4 SHERIFF, OR THE SHERIFF'S DESIGNEE, TO THE COUNTY CLERK INDICATING
5 THAT THE ELECTOR IS CONFINED IN A COUNTY JAIL OR DETENTION
6 FACILITY.

7 (26) ~~"Political party district" means an area within a county~~
8 ~~composed of contiguous whole election precincts, as designated by the~~
9 ~~political party county chairperson.~~

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11 (49.9) "Video security surveillance recording" means video
12 monitoring by a device that continuously records a designated location or
13 a system using motion detection that ~~records one frame or more per~~
14 ~~minute until detection of motion~~ triggers continuous recording WHEN
15 MOTION IS DETECTED.

16 (51) "Watcher" means an eligible elector other than a candidate
17 on the ballot who has been selected by a political party chairperson on
18 behalf of the political party; by a party candidate at a primary election, by
19 an unaffiliated candidate at a general, congressional vacancy, or
20 nonpartisan election; or by a person designated by either the opponents
21 or the proponents in the case of a ballot issue or ballot question.
22 "Watcher" also means an eligible elector selected by a candidate on the
23 ballot for the office of United States senator, representative in congress,
24 any state office or district office of state concern, or any county office
25 who is subject to a recount. If selected by a political party chairperson or
26 a party candidate, the watcher must be affiliated with that political party
27 or unaffiliated as shown in the statewide voter registration system. If

1 selected by an unaffiliated candidate, the watcher must be unaffiliated as
2 shown in the statewide voter registration system. A PERSON SHALL NOT BE
3 SELECTED AS A WATCHER IF THE PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY
4 ELECTION OFFENSE SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 13 OF THIS TITLE 1 OR ANY
5 SIMILAR ELECTION OFFENSE IN ANOTHER STATE OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED
6 OF COMMITTING OR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT SEDITION, INSURRECTION,
7 TREASON, CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT BY USE OF
8 PHYSICAL FORCE OR VIOLENCE, OR ANY SIMILAR FEDERAL OFFENSE.

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10 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-107, add (2)(e)
11 as follows:

12 **1-1-107. Powers and duties of secretary of state - penalty.**

13 (2) In addition to any other powers prescribed by law, the
14 secretary of state has the following powers:

15 (e) (I) To, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR AND, AS
16 PRACTICABLE, THE ELECTION EMERGENCY ADVISORY GROUP ESTABLISHED
17 IN SUBSECTION (2)(e)(II) OF THIS SECTION, ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY
18 FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF AN ELECTION AND TO GIVE EFFECT
19 TO SECTION 1-1-103 (1), IF THE GOVERNOR DECLARES A DISASTER
20 EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-704 (4) DUE TO THE
21 INABILITY TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THIS CODE, INCLUDING THE
22 SUSPENSION OF ANY LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-704 (7)(a).

23 (II) IF THE GOVERNOR DECLARES A DISASTER EMERGENCY
24 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-704 (4) DUE TO INABILITY TO STRICTLY
25 COMPLY WITH THIS CODE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ESTABLISH THE ELECTION
26 EMERGENCY ADVISORY GROUP. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND GOVERNOR
27 SHALL CONSULT AS PRACTICABLE WITH THE ELECTION EMERGENCY

1 ADVISORY GROUP ON EMERGENCY ORDERS OR RULES THAT THE
2 SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ADOPT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE
3 PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF AN ELECTION AND TO GIVE EFFECT TO
4 SECTION 1-1-103 (1).

5 (III) THE ELECTION EMERGENCY ADVISORY GROUP CONSISTS OF SIX
6 MEMBERS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

7 (A) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
8 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

9 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
10 OFFICE, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE;

11 (C) TWO CURRENT OR FORMER COUNTY CLERKS FROM DIFFERENT
12 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN
13 CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND

14 (D) TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM DIFFERENT MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES,
15 WITH EXPERTISE ON STATE OR FEDERAL ELECTION LAW, ADMINISTERING
16 ELECTIONS, VOTING, OR ANOTHER RELEVANT TOPIC, APPOINTED BY THE
17 GOVERNOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

18 (IV) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31,
19 2031.

20 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-108, **amend** (1)
21 as follows:

22 **1-1-108. Copies of election laws and manual provided.**

23 (1) No later than sixty days after each adjournment of the general
24 assembly, the secretary of state shall ~~transmit~~ PROVIDE to the county clerk
25 and recorder of each county ACCESS TO a complete, updated copy of the
26 pertinent sections of the election laws of the state.

27 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-110, **add** (3.7)

1 as follows:

2 **1-1-110. Powers of county clerk and recorder and deputy -**
3 **communication to electors.**

4 (3.7) AS THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE COUNTY, AND TO
5 COMPLY WITH THIS CODE AND THE RULES AND ORDERS ESTABLISHED BY
6 THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL SET
7 OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR THE CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE.

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9 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-213.5, **amend**
10 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c), and (2); and **add** (1)(d), (1)(e), and (3) as follows:

11 **1-2-213.5. Institutions of higher education - electronic voter**
12 **registration option - information to students.**

13 (1) (a) ~~Any state~~ AN institution of higher education ~~as defined in~~
14 ~~section 23-1-108 (7)(g)(H), C.R.S., that utilizes~~ USES an electronic course
15 registration process shall provide to each student registering electronically
16 for courses at the institution the opportunity to register to vote by giving
17 each student the option to be electronically directed to the official website
18 of the secretary of state so ~~that he or she~~ THE STUDENT may register in
19 accordance with section 1-2-202.5. The option shall be provided to
20 students either during or immediately following the electronic registration
21 period for each term or semester.

22 (b) Each ~~state~~ institution of higher education subject to ~~paragraph~~
23 ~~(a) of this subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION shall
24 implement the electronic voter registration option as soon as practicable,
25 but not later than the next regularly scheduled maintenance to its
26 electronic course registration system process.

27 (c) Each ~~state~~ institution of higher education subject to subsection

1 (1)(a) of this section shall, during the first full week of each fall semester
2 and during the last full week of each spring semester, provide by email to
3 each enrolled student information on voter eligibility and on how to
4 register to vote or update their voter registration information in the
5 statewide voter registration database.

6 (d) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SUBJECT TO
7 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL, ON BOTH THE FIFTEENTH DAY
8 AND THE FINAL DAY PRIOR TO EACH ELECTION DAY, PROVIDE BY EMAIL TO
9 EACH ENROLLED STUDENT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

10 (I) THE LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF EACH CAMPUS
11 VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER, INCLUDING THE BUILDING NAME
12 AND ADDRESS, AND THE REQUIREMENT TO BRING IDENTIFICATION TO
13 VOTE; AND

14 (II) EACH DROP-OFF LOCATION ON CAMPUS, THE REQUIREMENT
15 FOR IDENTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN MAIL BALLOTS, AND HOW TO ACCESS
16 MAIL ON CAMPUS.

17 (e) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SUBJECT TO
18 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE IN THE EMAIL REQUIRED
19 BY SUBSECTION (1)(d) OF THIS SECTION INFORMATION CREATED AND MADE
20 AVAILABLE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERNING:

21 (I) VOTER ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND
22 NONRESIDENT STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS IN THE STATE;
23 AND

24 (II) HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE VOTER INFORMATION
25 IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE, THE LAST DAY TO
26 REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE AND RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIL PRIOR TO
27 AN ELECTION, AND OPTIONS FOR REGISTERING IN PERSON ON OR BEFORE

1 ELECTION DAY.

2 (2) ~~A state~~ AN institution of higher education that does not utilize
3 USE an electronic course registration process shall provide to students
4 information ~~regarding how to register to vote~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH
5 SUBSECTIONS (1)(c) AND (1)(d) OF THIS SECTION, including, at a minimum,
6 prominently posting such information in a clearly visible area of the
7 institution's registrar's office. SUCH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
8 EDUCATION MAY ALSO PROVIDE TO STUDENTS INFORMATION IN
9 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(e) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING BY
10 PROMINENTLY POSTING SUCH INFORMATION IN A CLEARLY VISIBLE AREA
11 OF THE CAMPUS.

12 (3) (a) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ADOPT RULES SPECIFYING
13 THE FORM AND REQUIRED CONTENT FOR THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY
14 SUBSECTIONS (1)(c), (1)(d), (1)(e), AND (2) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (b) PRIOR TO SENDING AN EMAIL REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1)(c)
16 OR (1)(d) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR POSTING A SIGN PURSUANT TO
17 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE ELECTION-SPECIFIC CONTENT OF THE
19 EMAIL OR SIGN TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FOR THE COUNTY
20 IN WHICH THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS LOCATED.

21 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-222, **amend** (4)
22 as follows:

23 **1-2-222. Errors in recording of affiliation.**

24 (4) Printed affidavit forms must be ~~furnished to the election~~
25 ~~judges of the various election precincts~~ MADE AVAILABLE BY THE COUNTY
26 CLERK AND RECORDER. The affidavit form must be substantially as
27 follows:

1 STATE OF COLORADO)

2) ss.

3 County of

4 I,, believing an error has been made as to the
5 recording of my party affiliation, or a change unlawfully made, or a
6 withdrawal unlawfully made in the statewide voter registration system, do
7 solemnly swear, or affirm, that the party affiliation as now shown in the
8 statewide voter registration system is an error, or has been unlawfully
9 changed, or has been unlawfully withdrawn and that my correct party
10 affiliation should be instead of and request that
11 the party affiliation be corrected in the statewide voter registration
12 system. My correct affiliation was made on or before (date).

13 Dated

14 Signed

15 Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of,
16 20....

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18 Election Judge or County Clerk

19 County

20 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-227, **amend (2);**
21 **and add (3)** as follows:

22 **1-2-227. Custody and preservation of records.**

23 (2) The voter information provided by a preregistrant who will not
24 turn eighteen years ~~of age~~ OLD by the date of the next election shall be
25 kept confidential in the same manner as, and using the programs
26 developed for, information that is kept confidential pursuant to section
27 24-72-204 (3.5). Nothing in this subsection (2) shall be construed to

1 require any request, application, or fee for such confidentiality. When the
2 preregistrant ~~will be~~ IS eighteen years of age ~~on the date of the next~~
3 ~~election~~ OLD, such information is no longer confidential under this
4 subsection (2).

5 (3) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL
6 ENSURE THAT THE VOTER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A PREREGISTRANT
7 WHO IS SEVENTEEN YEARS AND SIX MONTHS OLD IS ACCESSIBLE TO THAT
8 PREREGISTRANT AND SHALL ALLOW SUCH A PREREGISTRANT TO UPDATE
9 THEIR VOTER INFORMATION USING THE ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION
10 SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION 1-2-202.5 IF THE PREREGISTRANT
11 PROVIDES THEIR NAME, ZIP CODE, DATE OF BIRTH, AND EITHER THE LAST
12 FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR THEIR DRIVER'S
13 LICENSE OR STATE-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.

14 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-301, **add** (7) as
15 follows:

16 **1-2-301. Centralized statewide registration system - secretary**
17 **of state to maintain computerized statewide voter registration list -**
18 **county computer records - agreement to match information -**
19 **definition.**

20 (7) (a) THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM MUST
21 SUPPORT THE INTEGRATION AND USE OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
22 SYSTEM DATA TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY, CONSISTENCY, AND
23 RELIABILITY OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS.

24 (b) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY INCORPORATE GEOGRAPHIC
25 INFORMATION SYSTEM FUNCTIONALITY INTO THE STATEWIDE VOTER
26 REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO:

27 (I) VALIDATE AND MAINTAIN VOTER RESIDENTIAL AND MAILING

1 ADDRESS INFORMATION USING SPATIAL DATA, PARCEL DATA, OR OTHER
2 GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE LAYERS;

3 (II) IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF PRECINCT, DISTRICT, AND
4 JURISDICTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS;

5 (III) SUPPORT TIMELY AND ACCURATE IMPLEMENTATION OF
6 DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES RESULTING FROM REDISTRICTING OR OTHER
7 LAWFUL ADJUSTMENTS; AND

8 (IV) REDUCE UNDELIVERABLE ELECTION MAIL, IMPROVE MAIL
9 BALLOT DELIVERY EFFICIENCY, AND MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR CORRECTIVE
10 OR REPLACEMENT BALLOTS.

11 (c) GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA USED UNDER THIS
12 SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE VOTER ELIGIBILITY,
13 CHALLENGE A VOTER'S REGISTRATION, OR RESTRICT A REGISTERED
14 ELECTOR'S RIGHT TO VOTE.

15 (d) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY
16 TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (7), INCLUDING RULES GOVERNING DATA
17 SOURCES, DATA SHARING WITH COUNTY CLERKS AND RECORDERS, DATA
18 SECURITY, AND PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING ADDRESS DISCREPANCIES.

19 (e) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE STATEWIDE
20 VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM FULLY IMPLEMENT GEOGRAPHIC
21 INFORMATION SYSTEM FUNCTIONALITY AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS
22 SUBSECTION (7) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2029.

23 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-2-401 as
24 follows:

25 **1-2-401. Legislative declaration.**

26 It is the intent of the general assembly that, ~~in order~~ to promote and
27 encourage voter registration of all eligible electors in the state,

1 registration should be made as convenient as possible. It is determined by
2 the general assembly that if voter registration is convenient, the number
3 of registered voters will increase. It is further determined by the general
4 assembly that support and cooperation of school officials and interested
5 citizens will make high school registration successful. It is therefore the
6 purpose of this part 4 to encourage voter registration by providing
7 convenient registration procedures for qualified high school students,
8 employees, and other persons by using high school ~~deputy registrars~~
9 LIAISONS.

10 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-2-402 as
11 follows:

12 **1-2-402. Registration by high school liaisons - rules.**

13 (1) Each principal of a public high school, or the principal's
14 designee who is a registered voter in the ~~county~~ STATE, may serve as a
15 ~~deputy registrar~~ HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON. The principal of each high school
16 shall notify the county clerk and recorder of the county in which the high
17 school is located of the name of the school's ~~deputy registrar~~ HIGH
18 SCHOOL LIAISON, and the county clerk and recorder shall maintain a list
19 of the names of all of the high school ~~deputy registrars~~ LIAISONS in that
20 county in a public file.

21 (2) The high school ~~deputy registrar~~ LIAISON may register or
22 preregister any student, employee of the school, other person who attends
23 school functions, or any other person who is eligible to register or
24 preregister to vote. Voter registration may be made available only when
25 the school is open for classes or any other school or community function.
26 The high school ~~deputy registrar~~ LIAISON shall take registrations or
27 preregistrations only on school district premises.

1 (3) A high school ~~deputy registrar~~ LIAISON may have available an
2 official application form for voter registration for each student who is
3 eighteen years ~~of age~~ OLD or who will be eighteen years ~~of age~~ OLD at the
4 time of the next election. A high school ~~deputy registrar~~ LIAISON may
5 have available an official application form for preregistration for each
6 student who is fifteen years ~~of age~~ OLD.

7 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-403, **amend** (1),
8 (2), and (3)(b); and **repeal** (3)(a) as follows:

9 **1-2-403. Training and registration materials for high school**
10 **liaisons - processing applications.**

11 (1) The county clerk and recorder shall train and supervise the
12 high school ~~deputy registrars~~ LIAISONS, and, after training is completed,
13 shall administer the oath of office to the high school ~~deputy registrars~~
14 LIAISONS.

15 (2) The county clerk and recorder shall issue sufficient materials
16 to each high school ~~deputy registrar~~ LIAISON for the registration or
17 preregistration of all eligible students, employees, and other persons at the
18 high school which the high school ~~deputy registrar~~ LIAISON serves. ~~The~~
19 ~~high school deputy registrar shall give a receipt to the county clerk and~~
20 ~~recorder for all materials issued.~~

21 (3) (a) ~~The high school deputy registrar shall stamp the application~~
22 ~~for registration or preregistration with a validation stamp and provide the~~
23 ~~applicant with a receipt verifying the application.~~

24 (b) (I) Except as provided in ~~subparagraph (II) of this paragraph~~
25 ~~(b)~~ SUBSECTION (3)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, the high school ~~deputy~~
26 ~~registrar~~ LIAISON shall forward applications and changes on a weekly
27 basis to the county clerk and recorder of the county in which the high

1 school is located.

2 (II) (A) During the last week allowed for registration applications
3 submitted by mail prior to any election, the high school ~~deputy registrar~~
4 LIAISON shall forward applications daily to the county clerk and recorder
5 of the county in which the high school is located.

6 (B) Within eight days prior to an election, a high school ~~deputy~~
7 ~~registrar~~ LIAISON shall accept an application tendered under this section
8 and shall immediately inform the applicant that, to vote in the upcoming
9 election, the voter must go to a voter service and polling center.

10 **SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 1-2-603 as**
11 **follows:**

12 **1-2-603. Notification that elector has moved and registered in**
13 **different county.**

14 (1) If the elector registers to vote in another county, the county
15 clerk and recorder of the elector's new county of residence shall transfer
16 the elector's registration record from the old county in accordance with
17 the following requirements: IF THE ELECTOR PROVIDES A NAME AND AT
18 LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFIERS THAT MATCH THE ELECTOR'S
19 PRIOR REGISTRATION RECORD: DATE OF BIRTH, PRIOR RESIDENCE, DRIVER'S
20 LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER, OR LAST FOUR DIGITS OF
21 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

22 (a) If the elector provides a name, date of birth, and prior address
23 and the county clerk and recorder can match the name, date of birth, and
24 prior address to the elector's prior registration record, the elector's
25 registration record shall be transferred from the old county.

26 (b) If the elector provides a name and date of birth but does not
27 provide a prior address, the elector's registration record shall be

1 transferred from the old county only if:

2 (I) The elector provides a driver's license or identification card
3 number, and the county clerk and recorder of the new county of residence
4 can match the name, date of birth, and driver's license or identification
5 card number to the elector's prior registration record; or

6 (II) The elector provides a social security number, and the county
7 clerk and recorder of the new county of residence can match the name,
8 date of birth, and social security number to the elector's prior registration
9 record.

10 (c) If the elector does not provide a prior address, driver's license
11 number, or social security number, the registration record shall not be
12 transferred from the old county unless the elector submits additional
13 information that complies with the requirements of this subsection (1).
14 The county clerk and recorder of the county of prior residence may send
15 notice to the elector by forwardable mail to the elector's address of record.
16 Any such notice shall have a returnable portion that has the return postage
17 prepaid and is preaddressed to the sending county clerk and recorder, and
18 shall include an area for the elector to indicate if the elector has moved
19 to another county and wishes to have his or her registration record
20 transferred from the old county.

21 (2) If a county clerk and recorder receives a notice from the
22 secretary of state or from an election official in another state that the
23 elector has registered to vote in another state, the county clerk and
24 recorder of the county of prior residence shall cancel the registration
25 record if the name and birth date or the name and social security number
26 of the elector match. AND AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFIERS
27 MATCH: DATE OF BIRTH, PRIOR RESIDENCE, DRIVER'S LICENSE OR

1 IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER, OR LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY
2 NUMBER.

3 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-604, **amend**
4 **(3)(a)** as follows:

5 **1-2-604. Cancellation of electors with multiple registrations.**

6 **(3) (a) The county clerk and recorder may not cancel the**
7 **registration record pursuant to subsection (1) of this section unless there**
8 **is a match in the county's registration records and the statewide voter**
9 **registration database with respect to, at a minimum, the following types**
10 **of identifying information: ELECTOR'S NAME AND AT LEAST TWO OF THE**
11 **FOLLOWING IDENTIFIERS: DATE OF BIRTH, PRIOR RESIDENCE, DRIVER'S**
12 **LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER, OR LAST FOUR DIGITS OF**
13 **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.**

14 **(I) The elector's name, date of birth, and prior residence; or**

15 **(II) The elector's name, date of birth, and driver's license number**
16 **or social security number.**

17 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-605, **amend** (7)
18 as follows:

19 **1-2-605. Canceling registration - procedures.**

20 (7) If an elector whose registration record is marked "Inactive"
21 fails to update ~~his or her~~ THEIR registration record, fails to respond to any
22 confirmation card, and fails to vote in any election conducted by the
23 county clerk and recorder during the time period that includes two
24 consecutive general elections since the elector's registration record was
25 marked "Inactive", the ~~county clerk and recorder~~ SECRETARY OF STATE
26 shall cancel the elector's registration record. Nothing in this section
27 allows an elector's registration record to be canceled solely for failure to

1 vote, OR PROHIBITS THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM REQUESTING
2 ASSISTANCE FROM A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TO CARRY OUT THE
3 DUTIES DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (7).

4 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-304, **amend** (5)
5 as follows:

6 **1-4-304. Presidential electors.**

7 (5) (a) Each presidential elector shall vote for the presidential
8 candidate and, by separate ballot, vice-presidential candidate who
9 received the highest number of votes at the preceding general election in
10 ~~this~~ THE state.

11 (b) IF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OR VICE-PRESIDENTIAL
12 CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY A POLITICAL PARTY DIES OR WITHDRAWS AS
13 A CANDIDATE FOR THAT OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE
14 POLITICAL PARTY AFTER ACCEPTING NOMINATION BUT PRIOR TO THE
15 MEETING OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AN
16 ELECTOR'S VOTE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR
17 SUCH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OR VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
18 REFERS TO THE SUCCESSOR CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY THE POLITICAL
19 PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE POLITICAL PARTY. ANY
20 VOTE FOR A SUCCESSOR CANDIDATE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b)
21 IS NOT A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-13-725.

22 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-401, **amend** (1)
23 and (2); and **add** (3) as follows:

24 **1-4-401. Time of congressional vacancy elections.**

25 (1) Except as provided in section 1-4-401.5, when any vacancy
26 occurs in the office of representative in congress from this state, the
27 governor shall, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE VACANCY, set a day to hold

1 an election to fill the vacancy and cause notice of the election to be given
2 as required in part 2 of article 5 of this title; but no congressional vacancy
3 election shall be held during the ninety days prior to a general election. ~~or~~
4 ~~less than eighty-five days or more than one hundred days after the~~
5 ~~vacancy occurs~~ IF THE VACANCY OCCURS BETWEEN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY
6 AND NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO A REGULARLY SCHEDULED STATEWIDE
7 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, PRIMARY, OR COORDINATED ELECTION, THE
8 CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION SHALL BE HELD AS PART OF THAT
9 ELECTION. IF THE VACANCY OCCURS OUTSIDE THE PERIOD BETWEEN ONE
10 HUNDRED FIFTY DAYS AND NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO A REGULARLY
11 SCHEDULED STATEWIDE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, PRIMARY, OR
12 COORDINATED ELECTION, THE CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION SHALL
13 BE HELD NO LESS THAN NINETY DAYS AND NO MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED
14 TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS.

15 (2) A congressional vacancy election HELD AS A SEPARATE
16 ELECTION shall be conducted and the results thereof surveyed and
17 certified in all respects ~~as nearly as practicable in like manner as for~~
18 ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS THAT GOVERN general elections, except
19 as otherwise provided in this code.

20 (3) A CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION HELD AS PART OF A
21 REGULARLY SCHEDULED STATEWIDE ELECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED AND
22 THE RESULTS THEREOF SURVEYED AND CERTIFIED IN ALL RESPECTS
23 ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THAT REGULARLY
24 SCHEDULED STATEWIDE ELECTION, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN
25 THIS CODE.

26 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-402, **amend**
27 (1)(a), (1)(c), and (2); and **add (3)** as follows:

1 **1-4-402. Nominations of political party candidates.**

2 (1) (a) Any convention of delegates of a political party or any
3 committee authorized by resolution of the convention shall nominate a
4 candidate to fill a vacancy in the unexpired term of a representative in
5 congress. A state central committee, its managing or executive committee
6 selected pursuant to section 1-3-105 (2), or any other committee
7 designated by the bylaws of the state central committee to convene a
8 convention to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy in the unexpired term
9 of a representative in congress shall convene the convention and shall
10 provide the procedure for the nomination of the candidate. A copy of the
11 notice of election, as set by the governor and filed with the secretary of
12 state, shall be sent by ~~certified~~ EMAIL OR mail to the state chairperson of
13 each political party.

14 (c) No convention shall be held later than ~~the twentieth day from~~
15 ~~the date of the order issued by the governor~~ FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE
16 DEADLINE FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CERTIFY BALLOT CONTENT
17 FOR THE ELECTION.

18 (2) The nomination to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term of a
19 representative in congress made by the political party convention or a
20 committee authorized by the convention shall be certified by affidavit of
21 the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or committee ON A
22 FORM PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

23 (3) (a) ANY VACANCY IN NOMINATION WHICH OCCURS AFTER THE
24 DATE OF THE CONVENTION OR COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION
25 SHALL BE FILLED BY THE PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARTY RULES.

26 (b) WHEN A VACANCY IN A PARTY NOMINATION IS FILLED PRIOR TO
27 THE BALLOTS BEING PRINTED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DIRECT

1 EACH COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TO PRINT THE NAME OF THE
2 REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT.

3 (c) WHEN A VACANCY IN A PARTY NOMINATION IS FILLED
4 SUBSEQUENT TO THE BALLOTS BEING PRINTED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
5 SHALL DIRECT EACH COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TO:

6 (I) PROMINENTLY POST, ON THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL'S
7 WEBSITE AND IN EACH VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER, A NOTICE OF
8 THE VACANCY AND THE NAME OF THE REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE; AND

9 (II) EITHER PRINT AND PLACE ON THE SAMPLE BALLOT, WHICH IS
10 DELIVERED TO THE ELECTION JUDGES AND POSTED PURSUANT TO SECTION
11 1-5-413, A STICKER OF A DIFFERENT COLOR THAN THE SAMPLE BALLOT
12 INDICATING THE NAME OF THE REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE OR REPRINT THE
13 SAMPLE BALLOT WITH THE NAME OF THE REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE IN A
14 DIFFERENT COLOR.

15 (d) VOTES CAST FOR THE CANDIDATE WHO VACATED THE
16 NOMINATION MUST BE COUNTED AS VOTES FOR THE REPLACEMENT
17 CANDIDATE.

18 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 1-4-403** as
19 follows:

20 **1-4-403. Nomination of unaffiliated candidates for**
21 **congressional vacancy election.**

22 (1) Except as provided in section 1-4-401.5, candidates for
23 congress at a congressional vacancy election who do not wish to affiliate
24 with a major political party may be nominated pursuant to the provisions
25 of section 1-4-802.

26 (2) Petitions must be filed by 5 p.m. on the ~~twentieth~~ TENTH day
27 ~~after the date of the order issued by the governor~~ BEFORE THE DEADLINE

1 FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CERTIFY THE BALLOT CONTENT FOR THE
2 ELECTION.

3 SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-404 as
4 follows:

5 **1-4-404. Nomination and acceptance of candidate -**
6 **arrangement of names on ballots.**

7 (1) Any person nominated in accordance with this article 4 shall
8 file a written acceptance with the secretary of state by mail or hand
9 delivery. The written acceptance must be postmarked or received by the
10 secretary of state within four business days after the adjournment of the
11 assembly. If an acceptance is not filed within the specified time, the
12 candidate is deemed to have declined the nomination, and the nomination
13 must be treated as a vacancy to be filled as provided in part 10 of this
14 article 4.

15 (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ARRANGE THE NAMES OF ALL
16 CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN DULY NOMINATED AND FILED A WRITTEN
17 ACCEPTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ON
18 THE BALLOT UNDER THE DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICE IN THREE GROUPS AS
19 FOLLOWS:

20 (a) THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL
21 PARTIES SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN AN ORDER ESTABLISHED BY
22 LOT AND SHALL COMPRISE THE FIRST GROUP;

23 (b) THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES OF THE MINOR POLITICAL
24 PARTIES SHALL BE LISTED IN AN ORDER ESTABLISHED BY LOT AND SHALL
25 COMPRISE THE SECOND GROUP; AND

26 (c) THE NAMES OF THE UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES SHALL BE
27 LISTED IN AN ORDER ESTABLISHED BY LOT AND SHALL COMPRISE THE

1 THIRD GROUP.

2 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-501, **amend** (1)
3 and (2) as follows:

4 **1-4-501. Only eligible electors eligible for office.**

5 (1) No person except an eligible elector who is at least eighteen
6 years ~~of age~~ OLD, unless another age is required by law, is eligible to hold
7 any office in this state. No person is eligible to be a designee or candidate
8 for office AT A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, STATE PRIMARY, GENERAL
9 ELECTION, CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION, OR OTHER COORDINATED
10 ELECTION unless that person fully meets the qualifications of that office
11 as stated in the constitution and statutes of THE UNITED STATES OR this
12 state on or before the date the term of that office begins. The SECRETARY
13 OF STATE, OR designated election official, AS APPLICABLE, shall not certify
14 the name of any designee or candidate who fails to swear or affirm under
15 oath that ~~he or she~~ THEY will fully meet the qualifications of the office if
16 elected; or who is unable to provide proof that ~~he or she meets~~ THEY MEET
17 any requirements of the office relating to registration, residence, or
18 property ownership; or who the SECRETARY OF STATE OR designated
19 election official determines is not qualified to hold the office that ~~he or~~
20 ~~she seeks~~ THEY SEEK based on residency requirements, OR OTHER
21 REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE OBJECTIVELY VERIFIABLE SUCH AS AGE, PLACE
22 OF BIRTH, TERMLIMITS, OR PARTY AFFILIATION. The information found on
23 the person's voter registration record is admissible as prima facie evidence
24 of compliance with this section.

25 (2) No person is eligible to be a candidate for more than one
26 office at one time; except that this subsection (2) does not apply to
27 memberships on different special district boards. This subsection (2) shall

1 not prohibit a candidate or elected official of any political subdivision
2 from being a candidate or member of the board of directors of any special
3 district or districts in which ~~he or she is~~ THEY ARE an eligible elector,
4 unless otherwise prohibited by law.

5 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-604, **amend** (3)
6 as follows:

7 (3) Certificates of designation by assembly shall be filed no later
8 than four days after the adjournment of the assembly. ~~Certificates of~~
9 ~~designation may be transmitted by facsimile transmission; however, the~~
10 ~~original certificate must also be filed and postmarked no later than ten~~
11 ~~days after the adjournment of the assembly.~~

12 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-802, **amend** (1)
13 introductory portion and (1)(f)(I) as follows:

14 **1-4-802. Petitions for nominating minor political party and**
15 **unaffiliated candidates for a partisan office.**

16 (1) Candidates for partisan public offices to be filled at a general
17 ~~or congressional vacancy~~ election who do not wish to affiliate with a
18 major political party, AND CANDIDATES FOR A CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY
19 ELECTION WHO DO NOT WISH TO AFFILIATE WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY,
20 may be nominated, other than by a primary election or a convention, in
21 the following manner:

22 (f) (I) Except as provided in subsection (1)(f)(II) of this section,
23 petitions must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the one hundred
24 seventeenth day before the general election or, for a congressional
25 vacancy election, no later than 5 p.m. on the ~~twentieth~~ TENTH day after
26 ~~the date of the order issued by the governor~~ BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR
27 THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CERTIFY THE BALLOT CONTENT FOR THE

1 ELECTION.

2 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-904, **amend** (3)
3 as follows:

4 **1-4-904. Signatures on the petitions.**

5 (3) Unless physically unable, all electors shall sign their own
6 signature and shall print their names, their respective residence addresses,
7 including the street number and name, the city or town, ~~the county~~, and
8 the date of signature. Each signature on a petition shall be made, to the
9 extent possible, in black ink.

10 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1001, **add** (3)
11 as follows:

12 **1-4-1001. Withdrawal or disqualification from candidacy.**

13 (3) IF A PARTY FAILS TO FILL A VACANCY IN NOMINATION BY THE
14 DEADLINES ESTABLISHED IN THIS PART 10, THAT VACANCY IN NOMINATION
15 SHALL REMAIN UNFILLED.

16 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1002, **amend**
17 (3)(a) and (3)(b)(IV) as follows:

18 **1-4-1002. Vacancies in major party designation up to the**
19 **sixty-eighth day before primary election day.**

20 (3) (a) No vacancy committee called to fill a vacancy pursuant to
21 this section may select a person to fill the vacancy at a meeting held for
22 that purpose unless a written notice announcing the time and location of
23 the vacancy committee meeting was mailed to each of the committee
24 members within ~~five~~ TEN calendar days ~~of the chairperson of the central~~
25 ~~committee receiving notice of~~ FROM THE DATE the vacancy OCCURS.
26 Mailing of the notice is effective when the notice is properly addressed
27 and deposited in the United States mail, with first-class postage prepaid.

1 In addition to this mailing, the chairperson of the central committee may
2 also contact the committee members by electronic mail.

3 (b) (IV) If the vacancy committee fails to ~~timely~~ certify a selection
4 WITHIN TWENTY CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY OCCURS,
5 OR SIXTY-SIX DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION,
6 WHICHEVER IS SOONER, the state chair of the party of the candidate whose
7 declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy,
8 within seven days, shall fill the vacancy by appointing a person who
9 meets all of the requirements of candidacy as of the date of the
10 appointment and who is affiliated with the same political party shown in
11 the statewide voter registration system as the candidate whose
12 declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy.
13 The name of the person appointed by the state chair must be certified to
14 the secretary of state OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.

15 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1003, **amend**
16 (3)(a), (3)(b)(IV), and (3)(c)(I) as follows:

17 **1-4-1003. Vacancies in major party designation occurring**
18 **between the sixty-seventh day before a primary election and the**
19 **earliest day to mail primary election ballots.**

20 (3) (a) No vacancy committee called to fill a vacancy pursuant to
21 this section may select a person to fill a vacancy at a meeting held for that
22 purpose unless a written notice announcing the time and location of the
23 vacancy committee meeting was mailed to each of the committee
24 members within ~~five~~ TEN calendar days ~~of the chairperson of the central~~
25 ~~committee learning of~~ FROM THE DATE the vacancy OCCURS. Mailing of
26 the notice is effective when the notice is properly addressed and deposited
27 in the United States mail, with first-class postage prepaid. In addition to

1 this mailing, the chairperson of the central committee may also contact
2 the committee members by electronic mail.

3 (b) (IV) If the vacancy committee fails to ~~timely~~ certify a selection
4 WITHIN TWENTY CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY OCCURS,
5 the state chair of the party of the candidate whose declination, death,
6 disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy, within seven days,
7 shall fill the vacancy by appointing a person who meets all of the
8 requirements of candidacy as of the date of the appointment and who is
9 affiliated with the same political party shown in the statewide voter
10 registration system as the candidate whose declination, death,
11 disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy. The name of the
12 person appointed by the state chair must be certified to the secretary of
13 state OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.

14 (c) (I) The designation and acceptance of the person selected to
15 fill the vacancy must be submitted to the designated election official no
16 later than three days from either the date of the vacancy committee
17 meeting or from the date of appointment by the state chair pursuant to
18 subsection (3)(b)(IV) of this section, as applicable; EXCEPT THAT, THE
19 DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE MUST IN ALL CASES BE SUBMITTED NO
20 LATER THAN THE DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

21 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1004, **amend**
22 (3)(a), (3)(b)(IV), (3)(c)(I), and (4)(b) as follows:

23 **1-4-1004. Vacancies in major party designation occurring**
24 **from the day after the earliest day to mail primary election ballots**
25 **through primary election day.**

26 (3) (a) No vacancy committee called to fill a vacancy pursuant to
27 this section may select a person to fill a vacancy at a meeting held for that

1 purpose unless a written notice announcing the time and location of the
2 vacancy committee meeting was mailed to each of the committee
3 members within ~~five~~ TEN calendar days of the chairperson of the central
4 committee learning of FROM THE DATE the vacancy OCCURS. Mailing of
5 the notice is effective when the notice is properly addressed and deposited
6 in the United States mail, with first-class postage prepaid. In addition to
7 the mailing, the chairperson of the central committee may also contact
8 committee members by electronic mail.

9 (b) (IV) If the vacancy committee fails to ~~timely~~ certify a selection
10 WITHIN TWENTY CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY OCCURS,
11 OR FIVE DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS
12 SOONER, the state chair of the party of the candidate whose declination,
13 death, disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy, within seven
14 days, shall fill the vacancy by appointing a person who meets all of the
15 requirements of candidacy as of the date of the appointment and who is
16 affiliated with the same political party shown in the statewide voter
17 registration system as the candidate whose declination, death,
18 disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy. The name of the
19 person appointed by the state chair must be certified to the secretary of
20 state OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.

21 (c) (I) The designation and acceptance of the person selected to
22 fill the vacancy must be submitted to the designated election official no
23 later than three days from either the date of the vacancy committee
24 meeting or from the date of appointment by the state chair pursuant to
25 subsection (3)(b)(IV) of this section, as applicable; EXCEPT THAT, THE
26 DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE MUST IN ALL CASES BE SUBMITTED NO
27 LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

1 (4) When a vacancy in a party nomination is filled pursuant to this
2 section:

3 (b) Votes cast for the candidate who vacated the designation must
4 be counted as votes for the replacement candidate IF A REPLACEMENT
5 CANDIDATE HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE
6 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY
7 ELECTION.

8 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1005, amend
9 (3)(a), (3)(b)(IV), and (3)(c)(I) as follows:

10 **1-4-1005. Vacancies in major party nomination occurring**
11 **from the day after primary election day through the earliest day to**
12 **mail general election ballots.**

13 (3) (a) No vacancy committee called to fill a vacancy pursuant to
14 this section may select a person to fill a vacancy at a meeting held for that
15 purpose unless a written notice announcing the time and location of the
16 vacancy committee meeting was mailed to each of the committee
17 members within ~~five~~ TEN calendar days ~~of the chairperson of the central~~
18 ~~committee learning of~~ FROM THE DATE the vacancy OCCURS. Mailing of
19 the notice is effective when the notice is properly addressed and deposited
20 in the United States mail, with first-class postage prepaid. In addition to
21 the mailing, the chairperson of the central committee may also contact
22 committee members by electronic mail.

23 (b) (IV) If the vacancy committee fails to ~~timely~~ certify a selection
24 WITHIN TWENTY CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY OCCURS,
25 the state chair of the party of the candidate whose declination, death,
26 disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy, within seven days,
27 shall fill the vacancy by appointing a person who meets all of the

1 requirements of candidacy as of the date of the appointment and who is
2 affiliated with the same political party shown in the statewide voter
3 registration system as the candidate whose declination, death,
4 disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy. The name of the
5 person appointed by the state chair must be certified to the secretary of
6 state OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. ~~The vacancy is filled until~~
7 ~~the next general election after the vacancy occurs, when the vacancy is~~
8 ~~filled by election.~~

9 (c) (I) The designation and acceptance of the person selected to
10 fill the vacancy must be submitted to the designated election official no
11 later than three days from either the date of the vacancy committee
12 meeting or from the date of appointment by the state chair pursuant to
13 subsection (3)(b)(IV) of this section, as applicable; except that such
14 ~~certification~~ DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE must in all cases be
15 submitted no later than the ~~sixty-fourth~~ day before the date of the general
16 election.

17 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1006, **amend**
18 (2) as follows:

19 **1-4-1006. Vacancies in major party nomination occurring**
20 **from the day after the earliest day to mail general election ballots**
21 **through general election day.**

22 (2) A vacancy occurring from the day after the earliest day to mail
23 general election ballots through general election day must REMAIN
24 UNFILLED. IF THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES IN THE
25 ELECTION IS THE CANDIDATE WHOSE WITHDRAWAL OR DISQUALIFICATION
26 CREATED THE VACANCY, THE VACANCY IN OFFICE MUST be filled in
27 accordance with part 2 of article 12 of this code.

1 **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 1-4-1007** as
2 follows:

3 **1-4-1007. Vacancies in minor party designation or nomination.**

4 Any vacancy in a nomination for a minor political party candidate
5 occurring after the filing of the certificate of designation pursuant to
6 section 1-4-1304 (3) and no later than seventy days before the general or
7 congressional vacancy election, which is caused by the declination, death,
8 disqualification, or withdrawal of any person nominated by the minor
9 political party, may be filled by the person or persons designated in the
10 constitution or bylaws of the minor political party to fill vacancies. THE
11 DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PERSON SELECTED TO FILL THE
12 VACANCY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL
13 NO LATER THAN THE SIXTY-FOURTH DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF THE
14 GENERAL ELECTION.

15 **SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 1-4-1008** as
16 follows:

17 **1-4-1008. Vacancies in unaffiliated designation or nomination.**

18 Any vacancy in a nomination for an unaffiliated candidate caused
19 by the declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal of any person
20 nominated by petition or statement of intent occurring after the filing of
21 the petition for nomination and no later than seventy days before the
22 general or congressional vacancy election may be filled by the person or
23 persons designated on the petition or statement of intent to fill vacancies.
24 THE DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PERSON SELECTED TO FILL
25 THE VACANCY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION
26 OFFICIAL NO LATER THAN THE SIXTY-FOURTH DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF
27 THE GENERAL ELECTION.

1 **SECTION 32.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1203, **amend**
2 (4)(a) as follows:

3 **1-4-1203. Presidential primary elections - when - conduct.**

4 (4) (a) A ballot used in a presidential primary election must only
5 contain the names of candidates for the office of the president of the
6 United States of America. The ballot shall not be used for the purpose of
7 presenting any other issue or question to the electorate unless expressly
8 authorized by law; EXCEPT THAT, A CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION
9 MAY BE PRESENTED ON THE SAME BALLOT USED IN A PRESIDENTIAL
10 PRIMARY IF THE CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION IS HELD ON THE
11 SAME DAY AS THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-401.

12 **SECTION 33.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1304, **amend**
13 (1.5)(b)(I), (3), and (4) as follows:

14 **1-4-1304. Nomination of candidates.**

15 (1.5) (b) (I) A minor political party may nominate candidates for
16 offices to be filled at a general election by assembly. ~~Except as provided~~
17 ~~in subsection (1.5)(f) of this section,~~ An assembly shall be held no later
18 than seventy-three days preceding the primary election.

19 (3) Any minor political party nominating candidates in accordance
20 with this part 13 shall file a certificate of designation with the designated
21 election official no later than ~~four days after the assembly was held at~~
22 SIXTY-SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR which the
23 candidate was designated. The certificate of designation must state the
24 name of the office for which each person is a candidate and the
25 candidate's name and address, the date on which the assembly was held
26 at which the candidate was designated, must designate in not more than
27 three words the name of the minor political party that the candidate

1 represents, and must certify that the candidate is a member of the minor
2 political party. The candidate's name may include one nickname, if the
3 candidate regularly uses the nickname and the nickname does not include
4 any part of a political party name. The candidate's affiliation as shown in
5 the statewide voter registration system is prima facie evidence of party
6 membership.

7 (4) Any person nominated in accordance with this part 13 shall
8 file a written acceptance with the designated election official. ~~by mail,~~
9 ~~facsimile transmission, or hand delivery~~ The written acceptance must be
10 ~~postmarked or~~ received by the designated election official no later than
11 four business days after the filing of the certificate of designation required
12 under subsection (3) of this section. ~~If the acceptance is transmitted to the~~
13 ~~designated election official by facsimile transmission, the original~~
14 ~~acceptance must also be filed and postmarked no later than ten days after~~
15 ~~the filing of the certificate of designation required under subsection (3)~~
16 ~~of this section.~~ If an acceptance is not filed within the specified time, the
17 candidate shall be deemed to have declined the nomination.

18 **SECTION 34.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-102.9, **amend**
19 (1)(b.5)(I)(A), (1)(b.5)(III), (1)(b.5)(VI), and (5)(c); and **add** (2)(c) as
20 follows:

21 **1-5-102.9. Voter service and polling centers - number required**
22 **- services provided - drop-off locations - definition.**

23 (1) (b.5) (I) For a general election, a county clerk and recorder
24 shall designate a voter service and polling center on the campus of an
25 institution of higher education, as defined in section 23-3.1-102 (5),
26 located within the county as follows:

27 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION (2) OF

1 THIS SECTION, during the period from the ~~fifteenth~~ TENTH day before the
2 election to the second day before the election, one voter service and
3 polling center on each campus that has ten thousand or more enrolled
4 students; and

5 (III) A county clerk and recorder shall confer with ~~a state~~ AN
6 institution of higher education about the location for a voter service and
7 polling center designated on a campus.

8 (VI) As used in this subsection (1)(b.5), "campus" means any
9 collection of buildings and surrounding grounds owned or used by ~~a state~~
10 AN institution of higher education to regularly provide students with
11 education, housing, or college activities. If one or more ~~state~~ institutions
12 of higher education share buildings or grounds, or if the campuses of one
13 or more ~~state~~ institutions of higher education are adjacent or otherwise
14 connected, the shared or connected buildings and grounds constitute a
15 single campus for the purposes of this subsection (1)(b.5).

16 (2) Voter service and polling centers must be open, at a minimum,
17 for the fifteen-day period prior to and including the day of the election as
18 follows:

19 (c) ALL VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS SHALL REMAIN
20 OPEN ON ELECTION DAY AS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2). A VOTER
21 SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER THAT EXPERIENCES A SHORTAGE OF
22 SUPPLIES, INCLUDING BALLOTS, SHALL NOT CLOSE AND MAY BY REQUIRED
23 TO REMAIN OPEN AFTER 7 P.M. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-7-101
24 (1)(b)(I).

25 (5) (c) Each drop box must accept mail ballots delivered by
26 electors for the ~~fifteen-day~~ TWENTY-TWO-DAY period prior to and
27 including the day of the election.

1 **SECTION 35.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-106, **add** (1)(c)
2 as follows:

3 **1-5-106. Polling location or drop-off location - designation by**
4 **sign.**

5 (1) (c) A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER ON THE CAMPUS OF
6 AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO
7 SECTION 1-5-102.9 (1)(b.5)(I) MUST BE:

8 (I) DESIGNATED BY ONE OR MORE SIGNS POSTED IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION;

10 (II) IDENTIFIED AND DESCRIBED, INCLUDING BY BUILDING NAME
11 AND ADDRESS AND HOURS OF OPERATION, IN SIGNS CONSPICUOUSLY
12 POSTED INSIDE AND AT EACH ENTRANCE OF THE STUDENT CENTER, OR
13 OTHER COMMON AREA, OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT
14 LEAST TWENTY DAYS BEFORE EACH ELECTION AND DURING THE PERIOD
15 POLLING LOCATIONS ARE OPEN; AND

16 (III) IDENTIFIED AND DESCRIBED, INCLUDING BY BUILDING NAME
17 AND ADDRESS AND HOURS OF OPERATION, IN AN EMAIL SENT TO ALL
18 ENROLLED STUDENTS BY THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION DURING
19 THE PERIOD BALLOTS ARE MAILED FOR THE ELECTION PURSUANT TO
20 SECTION 1-7.5-107 (3).

21 **SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-203, **amend**
22 (1)(a) as follows:

23 **1-5-203. Certification of ballot.**

24 (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1)(c) of this section, no
25 later than sixty days before any primary election, and no later than
26 fifty-seven days before any general or odd-year November election or
27 congressional vacancy election, the secretary of state shall deliver by

1 electronic transmission ~~and registered mail~~ to the county clerk and
2 recorder of each county a certificate in writing of the ballot order and
3 content for each county, as follows:

4 **SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-404, **repeal** (3)
5 as follows:

6 **1-5-404. Arrangement of names on ballots for partisan**
7 **elections.**

8 (3) ~~The arrangement of names on ballots for congressional~~
9 ~~vacancy elections shall be established by lot at any time prior to the~~
10 ~~certification of ballots for the congressional vacancy election. The officer~~
11 ~~in receipt of the original designation, nomination, or petition of each~~
12 ~~candidate shall inform the major political parties, each minor political~~
13 ~~party, and the representatives of each political organization on file with~~
14 ~~the secretary of state of the time and place of the lot-drawing for the~~
15 ~~congressional election ballot. Ballot positions shall be assigned to the~~
16 ~~major political party, minor political party, or political organization in the~~
17 ~~order in which they are drawn.~~

18 **SECTION 38.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-905, **amend** (2)
19 as follows:

20 **1-5-905. Multilingual ballot access - general provisions -**
21 **requirements of secretary of state - county clerks.**

22 (2) The secretary of state shall determine which counties in the
23 state are required to provide multilingual ballot access and, therefore, are
24 required to create a minority language sample ballot pursuant to section
25 1-5-906 and provide an in-person minority language ballot pursuant to
26 section 1-5-907. The secretary of state shall make such determination
27 based on information provided in the most recent five-year estimates

1 specified in the United States bureau of the census American community
2 survey or comparable census data. The secretary of state shall notify the
3 county clerk of any county that is required to provide a minority language
4 sample ballot pursuant to section 1-5-906 and provide an in-person
5 minority language ballot pursuant to section 1-5-907 on or before January
6 5, 2022, and on or before January 5 of each even year AND A YEAR
7 FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF SECTION 203 DATA BY THE FEDERAL
8 GOVERNMENT thereafter. In addition, on or before January 5, 2022, and
9 on or before January 5 of each even year OR A YEAR FOLLOWING THE
10 RELEASE OF SECTION 203 DATA BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT thereafter,
11 the secretary of state shall post a list on the secretary's website of all
12 counties that are required to provide a minority language sample ballot
13 pursuant to section 1-5-906 and provide an in-person minority language
14 ballot pursuant to section 1-5-907.

15 **SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-5-603 as
16 follows:

17 **1-5-603. Adoption and payment for voting machines.**

18 ~~(1) The governing body of any political subdivision may adopt for~~
19 ~~use at elections any kind of voting machine fulfilling the requirements for~~
20 ~~voting machines set forth in this part 6. These voting machines may be~~
21 ~~used at any or all elections held in the political subdivision for casting,~~
22 ~~registering, and counting votes. Except as provided in subsection (2) of~~
23 ~~this section, the governing body of any political subdivision which adopts~~
24 ~~and purchases or leases voting machines shall provide for the payment of~~
25 ~~the purchase price or the rent in such manner as may be in the best~~
26 ~~interest of the political subdivision and may for that purpose provide for~~
27 ~~the issuance of interest-bearing bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or~~

1 other obligations, which shall be a charge upon the county. The bonds,
2 certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations may be made payable at
3 such times, not exceeding ten years from the date of issue, as may be
4 determined by the governing body but shall not be issued or sold at less
5 than par.

6 (2)(a) If the secretary of state certifies a voting system for use in
7 an election using instant runoff voting in accordance with section 1-5-617
8 (1.5), the secretary of state shall, if possible, negotiate a single annual
9 statewide license with the voting system provider to allow each county
10 that uses the voting system to conduct elections using instant runoff
11 voting. The secretary of state shall pay for the annual statewide license
12 from the department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104
13 (3)(b).

14 (b) Each county that uses a voting system in an instant runoff
15 voting election pursuant to a license obtained by the secretary of state in
16 accordance with subsection (2)(a) of this section shall reimburse the
17 secretary of state for its proportionate share of the cost of the annual
18 statewide license for that year. The secretary of state shall invoice any
19 county that uses the voting system in an instant runoff voting election for
20 its share of the cost as a proportion of the number of registered active
21 voters in all participating municipalities in that county compared to the
22 total number of registered active voters in all participating municipalities
23 in the state as determined by the secretary of state pursuant to this section.

24 **SECTION 40.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-612, **amend**
25 (1)(a) and (1)(b); and **add** (1)(c) and (3) as follows:

26 **1-5-612. Use of electronic and electromechanical voting**
27 **systems.**

1 (1) (a) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1)(b) of this~~
2 ~~section, The governing body of any political subdivision may,~~ COUNTY
3 CLERK AND RECORDER FOR A COUNTY WITH ONE THOUSAND OR MORE
4 ACTIVE ELECTORS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION ~~MUST~~
5 upon consultation with the ~~designated election official~~ BOARD OF COUNTY
6 COMMISSIONERS, ACQUIRE AND adopt an electronic or electromechanical
7 voting system, including any upgrade in hardware, firmware, or software,
8 for use at the ~~polling locations in the political subdivision. The system~~
9 ~~may be used for recording, counting, and tabulating votes at all elections~~
10 ~~held by the political subdivision.~~ IN ALL ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY THE
11 COUNTY UNDER THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992".

12 (b) ~~For all elections conducted under the "Uniform Election Code~~
13 ~~of 1992", the governing body of any political subdivision shall, upon~~
14 ~~consultation with the designated~~ election official, adopt an electronic or
15 electromechanical voting system to be used for tabulating votes at all
16 elections held by the political subdivision. The provisions of this
17 subsection (1)(b) do not apply to counties with fewer than one thousand
18 active electors as of the date of the last general election. ==

19 (c) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL OVERSEE THE
20 SELECTION, SUPERVISION, AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL PERSONNEL,
21 INCLUDING CONTRACTORS AND VENDORS, ENGAGED IN THE ACQUISITION,
22 IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ELECTRONIC OR
23 ELECTROMECHANICAL VOTING SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE
24 SECRETARY OF STATE.

25 (3) (a) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL, IF POSSIBLE, NEGOTIATE
26 A SINGLE ANNUAL STATEWIDE LICENSE WITH THE VOTING SYSTEM
27 PROVIDER OF A CERTIFIED VOTING SYSTEM FOR USE IN AN ELECTION USING

1 INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-617 (1.5) TO ALLOW
2 EACH COUNTY THAT USES THE VOTING SYSTEM TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS
3 USING INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PAY
4 FOR SUCH ANNUAL STATEWIDE LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
5 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-21-104 (3)(b).

6 (b) EACH COUNTY THAT USES A VOTING SYSTEM IN AN INSTANT
7 RUNOFF VOTING ELECTION PURSUANT TO A STATEWIDE LICENSE PAID FOR
8 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL REIMBURSE THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COST OF
10 THE ANNUAL STATEWIDE LICENSE FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE ELECTION
11 IS HELD. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE AN INVOICE TO EACH
12 COUNTY THAT USES THE VOTING SYSTEM FOR ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE
13 OF THE COST OF THE STATEWIDE LICENSE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF
14 REGISTERED ACTIVE ELECTORS IN ALL PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES IN
15 THAT COUNTY COMPARED TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED ACTIVE
16 ELECTORS IN ALL PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE, AS
17 DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

18 **SECTION 41.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-6-101, **amend**
19 (7)(c)(VII) as follows:

20 **1-6-101. Qualifications for election judges - student election**
21 **judges - legislative declaration.**

22 (7) (c) The designated election officials may work with school
23 districts and public or private secondary educational institutions to
24 identify students willing and able to serve as student election judges. Such
25 school districts or educational institutions may submit the names of the
26 students to the designated election official of the jurisdiction in which the
27 school district or educational institution is located for appointment as

1 student election judges. Home-schooled students may apply to the
2 designated election official for appointment as a student election judge
3 pursuant to this section. From among the names submitted, the designated
4 election officials may select students to serve as student election judges
5 who meet the following qualifications:

6 (VII) They are ~~sixteen~~ FIFTEEN years ~~of age~~ OLD or older and
7 ~~either a junior or senior~~ STUDENT in good standing attending a public or
8 private secondary educational institution or being home-schooled at the
9 time of the election to which the student is serving as a student election
10 judge; and

11 **SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-6-106 as
12 follows:

13 **1-6-106. Confirmation and acceptance of election judge**
14 **appointment.**

15 (1) The designated election official shall confirm the
16 appointments of election judges by ~~mailing~~ SENDING each appointed
17 election judge a ~~certification~~ NOTICE of appointment ~~and an acceptance~~
18 ~~form~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (2) The ~~acceptance form~~ NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT SHALL SPECIFY
20 THE METHOD OF ACCEPTANCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AS DETERMINED BY
21 THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND shall contain:

22 (a) The statement of qualifications as prescribed in section
23 1-6-101; and

24 (b) A statement that, if the person appointed as an election judge
25 either fails to ~~file the acceptance form~~ ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT within
26 seven days after the ~~certification~~ NOTICE of appointment ~~and acceptance~~
27 ~~form are mailed~~ IS SENT or fails to attend a class of instruction as required

1 in section 1-6-101 (5), the designated election official may determine that
2 a vacancy has been created.

3 (3) Each person appointed as an election judge shall ~~file an~~
4 ~~acceptance form in the office of~~ ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT IN THE
5 MANNER SPECIFIED BY the designated election official within seven days
6 after the ~~certification~~ NOTICE of appointment ~~and acceptance form have~~
7 ~~been mailed~~ HAS BEEN SENT. If a person appointed as an election judge
8 fails to ~~file the acceptance form~~ ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT as described
9 in subsection (2) of this section or fails to attend a class of instruction as
10 required in section 1-6-101 (5), the designated election official may
11 determine that a vacancy has been created.

12 **SECTION 43.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-101, **repeal** (2)
13 as follows:

14 **1-7-101. Hours of voting on election day.**

15 (2) ~~Upon the opening of the polls, a proclamation shall be made~~
16 ~~by one of the judges that the polls are open, and, thirty minutes before the~~
17 ~~closing of the polls, a proclamation shall be made that the polls will close~~
18 ~~in thirty minutes.~~

19 **SECTION 44.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-7-102 as
20 follows:

21 **1-7-102. Employees entitled to vote.**

22 (1) Eligible electors entitled to vote at an election shall be entitled
23 to absent themselves for the purpose of voting from any service or
24 employment in which they are then engaged or employed ~~on the day of~~
25 ~~the election~~ for a period of two hours during ~~the time the polls~~ ANY DAY
26 WHEN VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS are open. Any such absence
27 shall not be sufficient reason for the discharge of any person from service

1 or employment. ~~Eligible~~ Electors, who so absent themselves shall not be
2 liable for any penalty, nor shall any deduction be made from their usual
3 salary or wages, on account of their absence. ~~Eligible~~ Electors who are
4 employed and paid by the hour shall receive their regular hourly wage for
5 the period of their absence, not to exceed two hours. Application shall be
6 made for the leave of absence prior to the day ~~of election~~ FOR WHICH
7 LEAVE IS REQUESTED. The employer may specify the hours during which
8 the employee may be absent, but the hours shall be at the beginning or
9 end of the work shift, if the employee so requests.

10 (2) ~~This section shall not apply to any person whose~~ AN
11 EMPLOYER MAY DENY AN ELECTOR'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE PURSUANT TO
12 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE ELECTOR'S hours of employment
13 on the day ~~of the election~~ FOR WHICH LEAVE IS REQUESTED are such that
14 there are three or more CONSECUTIVE hours between the time of opening
15 and the time of closing of the polls during which the elector is not
16 required to be on the job.

17 **SECTION 45.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-118, **amend** (2)
18 as follows:

19 **1-7-118. Ranked voting in a coordinated election - procedure**
20 **- costs - definition.**

21 (2) A municipality that refers an election using instant runoff
22 voting to be conducted as part of a coordinated election shall pay for the
23 reasonable increased costs associated with the use of instant runoff voting
24 in the coordinated election, including but not limited to ~~costs related to~~
25 ~~election setup licensing costs pursuant to section 1-5-603 (2);~~
26 programming, ballot design, additional voter information and education,
27 and tabulation.

1 **SECTION 46**. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-7-119 as
2 follows:

3 **1-7-119. Voter service and polling centers - electors - use of**
4 **mobile phones - printed or written materials.**

5 (1) An elector may take a mobile phone or other electronic device
6 into a voter service and polling center so long as the elector does not
7 make or receive any phone calls, except for calls to or from the
8 multilingual ballot hotline established pursuant to section 1-5-904, or take
9 any pictures or videos other than images of the elector's own person or
10 ballot.

11 (2) AN ELECTOR MAY TAKE PRINTED OR WRITTEN MATERIALS OF
12 THE ELECTOR'S CHOICE INTO A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER AS A
13 RESOURCE TO READ OR CONSULT WHILE MARKING THE ELECTOR'S BALLOT.

14 **SECTION 47**. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-7-120 as
15 follows:

16 **1-7-120. Voter service and polling centers - wait times -**
17 **reporting.**

18 (1) (a) ONELECTION DAY, A COUNTY MUST MEASURE AND RECORD
19 THE WAIT TIME AT EACH OF ITS VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS IN
20 ACCORDANCE WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

21 (b) EACH COUNTY MUST REPORT ITS WAIT TIME DATA RESULTS
22 DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION
23 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE
24 ELECTION.

25 (2) (a) IF A COUNTY REPORTS WAIT TIME DATA RESULTS PURSUANT
26 TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION INDICATING A WAIT TIME IN
27 EXCESS OF ONE HOUR AT ANY VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER, THE

1 COUNTY MUST SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE NO LATER
2 THAN NINETY DAYS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, WHICH REPORT MUST
3 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ANY SUCH VOTER SERVICE
4 AND POLLING CENTER:

5 (I) THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS WHO USED THE CENTER IN THE
6 ELECTION;

7 (II) THE NUMBER OF VOTING BOOTHS PROVIDED;

8 (III) THE NUMBER OF VOTER CHECK-IN STATIONS AND THE NUMBER
9 OF ELECTION JUDGES STAFFING THOSE STATIONS;

10 (IV) THE NUMBER AND STATUS OF ANY BALLOT MARKING DEVICES
11 AND BALLOT ON DEMAND SYSTEMS IN USE;

12 (V) THE NUMBER AND STATUS OF ANY PRINTERS AND OTHER
13 EQUIPMENT IN USE;

14 (VI) THE NUMBER OF STAFF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE
15 CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; ==

16 (VII) A == DESCRIPTION OF THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF BACK-UPS
17 OR DELAYS THAT OCCURRED AT THE LOCATION IN THE CONDUCT OF THE
18 ELECTION, INCLUDING THE ACTIVITY INVOLVED, TIME OF OCCURRENCE,
19 AND THE KNOWN, PROBABLE, OR POSSIBLE CAUSE OF OR CAUSAL FACTORS
20 THAT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE BACK-UPS OR DELAYS AND
21 DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THE CAUSE OR CAUSAL FACTORS ARE
22 REASONABLY LIKELY TO PERSIST OR REOCCUR AT FUTURE ELECTIONS.

23 (VIII) A REMEDIATION PLAN TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE WAIT TIMES
24 EXCEEDING ONE HOUR, WHICH MAY INCLUDE A PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL
25 VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS OR A PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF
26 NEW SITES FOR EXISTING CENTERS, ADDITIONAL CHECK-IN STATIONS,
27 VOTING BOOTHS, BALLOT MARKING DEVICES AND BALLOT ON DEMAND

1 SYSTEMS, PRINTERS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT, ADDITIONAL STAFF OR
2 ELECTION JUDGES, OR CHANGES IN THE ALLOCATION OF DUTIES AMONG
3 ELECTION JUDGES AND STAFF; AND

4 (IX) A DESCRIPTION OF THE BARRIERS, IF ANY, THAT MAY PREVENT
5 THE COUNTY FROM ENSURING ALL FUTURE CENTER WAIT TIMES DO NOT
6 EXCEED ONE HOUR.

7 (b) UPON RECEIPT OF A REPORT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)
8 OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL POST THE REPORT ON
9 THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE NO LATER THAN FIVE DAYS FROM THE
10 DATE OF RECEIPT. ■ ■

11 (c) IF A COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT IN
12 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY
13 CLERK AND RECORDER OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE
14 FOR SENDING A PROPOSED ELECTION PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION
15 1-7.5-105 MUST INCORPORATE APPROPRIATE REMEDIATION STEPS INTO
16 THE PLAN.

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18 **SECTION 48.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact,**
19 **with amendments,** 1-7-307 as follows:

20 **1-7-307. Method of counting paper ballots.**

21 (1) IN ANY COUNTY IN WHICH A HAND COUNT OF BALLOTS IS USED
22 OR BECOMES NECESSARY, AS EXPRESSLY PERMITTED OR REQUIRED BY A
23 PROVISION OF THIS TITLE 1, DURING AN INITIAL TABULATION,
24 POST-ELECTION AUDIT, OR RECOUNT, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL
25 SHALL COUNT THE BALLOTS IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

26 (2) EACH BALLOT MUST BE COUNTED BY A TEAM OF FOUR
27 ELECTION JUDGES. ONE JUDGE MUST AUDIBLY READ EVERY MARK ON THE

1 BALLOT, WHILE A SEPARATE JUDGE OBSERVES THIS READING AND ASSISTS
2 IN DETERMINING VOTER INTENT, WHEN NECESSARY. TWO OTHER ELECTION
3 JUDGES MUST EACH MAKE ENTRIES ON TWO SEPARATE ACCOUNTING
4 FORMS FOR EACH AUDIBLY READ VOTE. THE SEPARATE ACCOUNTING
5 FORMS MUST BE COMPARED AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND ANY
6 DISCREPANCIES NOTED ON THE SEPARATE FORMS MUST BE ACCOUNTED
7 FOR UNTIL AN ACCURATE COUNT OF ALL BALLOTS COMPARED CAN BE
8 DETERMINED.

9 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ADOPT RULES IN ACCORDANCE
10 WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24 AS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE
11 THIS SECTION.

12 **SECTION 49.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-507, **amend** (6)
13 as follows:

14 **1-7-507. Electronic vote-counting - procedure.**

15 (6) If a software or hardware malfunction, OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT
16 ISSUE, makes it ~~impossible~~ IMPRACTICABLE to count all or a part of the
17 ballots with electronic vote-tabulating equipment, the secretary of state,
18 after consultation with the designated election official, may permit the
19 designated election official to direct that such ballots be counted
20 manually, following as far as practicable the provisions governing the
21 counting of paper ballots as provided in section 1-7-307.

22 **SECTION 50.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 1-7-803 as**
23 **follows:**

24 **1-7-803. Custody and lawful transfer of election**
25 **records.** (1) A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MUST NOT TRANSFER
26 CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF ELECTION RECORDS OR OTHER ELECTION
27 MATERIALS, AS DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO A THIRD

1 PARTY UNLESS THE TRANSFER IS AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED BY THE
2 SECRETARY OF STATE OR A MANDATORY LEGAL OBLIGATION IMPOSED BY
3 A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

4 (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY
5 TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THIS SECTION, INCLUDING RULES
6 REGARDING THE CREATION OF AN INVENTORY OF ELECTION RECORDS OR
7 ELECTION MATERIALS TRANSFERRED DUE TO A MANDATORY LEGAL
8 OBLIGATION IMPOSED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

9 (3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION ALTERS OR AMENDS THE
10 REQUIREMENTS OR LIMITATIONS FOR OR ANY DUTIES OF A DESIGNATED
11 ELECTION OFFICIAL WITH RESPECT TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS
12 AS SET FORTH IN THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", SECTION
13 24-72-200.1 ET SEQ.

14 **SECTION 51.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-105, **amend**
15 (1)(a), (1.3)(f.5), and (2)(a); and **add** (2)(d) as follows:

16 **1-7.5-105. Preelection process - rules.**

17 (1) (a) The county clerk and recorder or designated election
18 official responsible for conducting an election that is to be by mail ballot
19 pursuant to section 1-7.5-104 (1) shall send a proposed election plan for
20 conducting the mail ballot election to the secretary of state no later than
21 ninety days prior to a nonpartisan election or, for any mail ballot election
22 that is coordinated with or conducted by the county clerk and recorder, no
23 later than one hundred ~~ten~~ TWENTY days prior to the election. The
24 proposed plan may be based on the standard plan adopted by the secretary
25 of state by rule.

26 (1.3) The election plan required under subsection (1) of this
27 section must include, at a minimum:

1 (f.5) The information required by ~~section~~ SECTIONS 1-7-120 (2)(c)
2 AND 1-7.5-113.5 (2); and

3 (2) (a) The secretary of state shall approve, ~~or~~ disapprove, OR
4 REQUEST MODIFICATION OF the written plan for conducting a mail ballot
5 election, in accordance with section 1-7.5-106, within twenty days after
6 receiving the plan and shall provide a written notice to the affected
7 political subdivision.

8 (d) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL RELEASE THE INFORMATION
9 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (1.3)(a) AND (1.3)(b) OF THIS SECTION FOR
10 EACH VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER DESCRIBED IN AN ELECTION
11 PLAN SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION NO
12 LATER THAN AUGUST 1 FOR EACH VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER.

13 **SECTION 52.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107, **amend**
14 (3)(a)(I), (3)(a)(II), (3.5)(d)(I), and (4.3)(a)(II) as follows:

15 **1-7.5-107. Procedures for conducting mail ballot election -**
16 **primary elections - first-time voters casting a mail ballot after having**
17 **registered by mail to vote - in-person request for ballot - return**
18 **envelope requirements - repeal.**

19 (3) (a) (I) Not sooner than ~~twenty-two~~ TWENTY-NINE days before
20 a general, primary, or other mail ballot election, and no later than ~~eighteen~~
21 TWENTY-FIVE days before the election, the county clerk and recorder or
22 designated election official shall mail to each active registered elector, at
23 the last mailing address appearing in the registration records and in
24 accordance with United States postal service regulations, a mail ballot
25 packet, which must be marked "DO NOT FORWARD. ADDRESS
26 CORRECTION REQUESTED.", or any other similar statement that is in
27 accordance with United States postal service regulations. Nothing in this

1 subsection (3) affects any provision of this code governing the delivery
2 of mail ballots to an absent uniformed services elector, nonresident
3 overseas elector, or resident overseas elector covered by the federal
4 "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act", 52 U.S.C. sec.
5 20301 et seq.

6 (II) If the ~~twenty-second~~ TWENTY-NINTH day before a general,
7 primary, or other mail ballot election is a Saturday, Sunday, state legal
8 holiday, or federal holiday recognized by the United States postal service,
9 the county clerk and recorder or designated election official may mail
10 ballot packets pursuant to subsection (3)(a)(I) of this section on the Friday
11 immediately preceding the ~~twenty-second~~ TWENTY-NINTH day.

12 (3.5) (d) (I) Any person who desires to cast his or her ballot by
13 mail but does not satisfy the requirements of subsection (3.5)(b) of this
14 section may cast such ballot by mail. The county clerk and recorder or
15 designated election official shall, within three days after the receipt of a
16 mail ballot that does not contain a copy of identification as defined in
17 section 1-1-104 (19.5), but in no event later than two days after election
18 day, send to the eligible elector at the address indicated in the registration
19 records and to the eligible elector's electronic mail address if available a
20 letter explaining the lack of compliance with subsection (3.5)(b) of this
21 section; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FAILS TO
22 SEND THE LETTER REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (3.5)(d)(I) WITHIN TWO
23 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MUST
24 SEND THE LETTER TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR BY OVERNIGHT MAIL OR
25 HAND DELIVERY, OR BY THE MOST EXPEDIENT METHOD AVAILABLE FOR
26 OVERSEAS AND MILITARY VOTERS. If the county clerk and recorder or
27 designated election official receives a copy of identification in

1 compliance with subsection (3.5)(b) of this section within eight days after
2 election day, and if the mail ballot is otherwise valid, the mail ballot shall
3 be counted.

4 (4.3) (a) (II) ~~On and after January 1, 2020,~~ For a presidential
5 primary or November coordinated election, in addition to the
6 requirements of subsection (4.3)(a)(I) of this section, the county clerk and
7 recorder shall establish a drop box on each campus of ~~a state~~ AN
8 institution of higher education, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-3.1-102 (5),
9 located within the county that has ~~two~~ ONE thousand or more enrolled
10 students as determined in accordance with section 1-5-102.9 (1)(b.5)(III).

11 **SECTION 53.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107.3, **amend**
12 (2)(a); and **add** (1.5)(a.5) as follows:

13 **1-7.5-107.3. Verification of signatures - rules.**

14 (1.5) (a.5) IF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FAILS TO SEND
15 THE LETTER AND FORM REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS
16 SECTION WITHIN TWO DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION, THE COUNTY CLERK AND
17 RECORDER MUST SEND THE LETTER AND FORM TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR
18 BY OVERNIGHT MAIL OR HAND DELIVERY, OR BY THE MOST EXPEDIENT
19 METHOD AVAILABLE FOR OVERSEAS AND MILITARY VOTERS.

20 (2) (a) If, upon comparing the signature of an eligible elector on
21 the self-affirmation on the return envelope with the signature of the
22 eligible elector stored in the statewide voter registration system, the
23 election judge determines that the signatures do not match, or if a
24 signature verification device used pursuant to subsection (5) of this
25 section is unable to determine that the signatures match, two other
26 election judges of different political party affiliations shall simultaneously
27 compare the signatures. If both other election judges agree that the

1 signatures do not match, the county clerk and recorder shall, within three
2 days after the signature deficiency has been confirmed, but in no event
3 later than two days after election day, send to the eligible elector at the
4 address indicated in the registration records and to the eligible elector's
5 electronic mail address if available a letter explaining the discrepancy in
6 signatures and a form for the eligible elector to confirm that the elector
7 returned a ballot to the county clerk and recorder; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE
8 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FAILS TO SEND THE LETTER AND FORM
9 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a) WITHIN TWO DAYS AFTER THE
10 ELECTION, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MUST SEND THE LETTER
11 AND FORM TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR BY OVERNIGHT MAIL OR HAND
12 DELIVERY, OR BY THE MOST EXPEDIENT METHOD AVAILABLE FOR
13 OVERSEAS AND MILITARY VOTERS. If the county clerk and recorder
14 receives the form within eight days after election day confirming that the
15 elector returned a ballot to the county clerk and recorder and enclosing a
16 copy of the elector's identification as defined in section 1-1-104 (19.5),
17 and if the ballot is otherwise valid, the ballot shall be counted. If the
18 eligible elector returns the form indicating that the elector did not return
19 a ballot to the county clerk and recorder, or if the eligible elector does not
20 return the form within eight days after election day, the self-affirmation
21 on the return envelope shall be categorized as incorrect, the ballot shall
22 not be counted, and the county clerk and recorder shall send copies of the
23 eligible elector's signature on the return envelope and the signature stored
24 in the statewide voter registration system to the district attorney for
25 investigation.

26 **SECTION 54.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-113.5, **amend**
27 (4)(a)(I) as follows:

1 **1-7.5-113.5. Voting at county jails or detention centers -**
2 **definition.**

3 (4) (a) (I) For a general election, the sheriff's designee shall
4 coordinate with the county clerk and recorder to provide, at a minimum,
5 one day of in-person voting for confined eligible electors at the county
6 jail or detention center. The in-person voting must be ~~open for at least six~~
7 ~~hours and be~~ held on any day between the fifteenth day before election
8 day and the ~~fourth~~ SECOND day before election day AND MUST BE OPEN
9 FOR A MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF BEDS
10 AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY JAIL OR DETENTION CENTER AS FOLLOWS:

11 (A) SIX HOURS FOR ONE HUNDRED OR MORE BEDS;

12 (B) FOUR HOURS FOR FIFTY OR MORE BUT FEWER THAN ONE
13 HUNDRED BEDS; AND

14 (C) THREE HOURS FOR ONE OR MORE BUT FEWER THAN FIFTY BEDS.

15 **SECTION 55.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-9-101 as
16 follows:

17 **1-9-101. Challenge of illegal or fraudulent registration.**

18 ~~(1) (a) Any registered elector may, by written challenge, protest~~
19 ~~against the registration of any person whose name appears in a county~~
20 ~~registration record. The written challenge shall state the precinct number,~~
21 ~~the name of the challenged registrant, the basis for such challenge, the~~
22 ~~facts supporting the challenge, and some documentary evidence to~~
23 ~~support the basis for the challenge, and shall bear the signature and~~
24 ~~address of the challenger. The written challenge and supporting evidence~~
25 ~~shall be filed with the county clerk and recorder no later than sixty days~~
26 ~~before any election. The county clerk and recorder shall notify the~~
27 ~~registrant of the challenge and shall set a time and place for a hearing to~~

1 be held not later than thirty days after the filing of the challenge, at which
2 hearing the challenged registrant shall have the opportunity to appear. The
3 person challenging the registration shall appear and shall bear the burden
4 of proof of the allegations in the challenge. The county clerk and recorder
5 shall conduct the hearing and receive testimony and evidence, shall render
6 a decision in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) no later
7 than five days thereafter, and shall notify both parties of the decision.

8 (b) In rendering a decision, the county clerk and recorder has the
9 following options:

10 (I) If the county clerk and recorder finds sufficient evidence to
11 support the allegations in the challenge, he or she shall cancel the
12 registered elector's name from the statewide voter registration system; or

13 (II) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2013.)

14 (III) If the county clerk and recorder finds no evidence or
15 insufficient evidence to support the allegations in the challenge, he or she
16 shall deny the challenge to cancel the registered elector's name from the
17 statewide voter registration system.

18 (2) All appeals from the decision of the county clerk and recorder
19 shall be to the district court within three days after the decision is issued.
20 The appellant shall file in the district court a verified petition setting forth
21 the facts presented at the hearing, the decision of the county clerk and
22 recorder, and the basis for the appeal. Within twenty-four hours, the clerk
23 of the district court shall mail to the other party a notice of the appeal and
24 the time set for hearing, which shall be not less than three days nor more
25 than five days after the date of filing.

26 (3) The court shall hear the testimony and other evidence and
27 investigate summarily and, within forty-eight hours after the close of the

1 ~~evidence, determine whether or not the charges are sustained. Only~~
2 ~~competent legal evidence may be received at the hearing or considered by~~
3 ~~the court, and no name registered in accordance with law shall be~~
4 ~~canceled from the statewide voter registration system unless it is proven~~
5 ~~that the challenged person does not reside at the address provided by the~~
6 ~~person at the time of registration. No presumption may be made against~~
7 ~~any person whose registration is challenged merely because of the failure~~
8 ~~of that person to attend the hearing. The court has the power to subpoena~~
9 ~~any person as a witness at the hearing and make any necessary~~
10 ~~investigation to ascertain the truth of any of the charges in the petition if~~
11 ~~the method of the investigation does not cause unnecessary delay or~~
12 ~~interfere with the final disposition of the cause within the time provided~~
13 ~~for in this section. The hearing on any petition is summary and final and~~
14 ~~is not subject to delay. At the close of the hearing, the court shall~~
15 ~~announce the names in the petition as to which the charges have been~~
16 ~~sustained and shall direct the clerk of the court to certify forthwith to the~~
17 ~~county clerk and recorder the lists of names of those persons, with their~~
18 ~~addresses, arranged alphabetically and according to precinct. The county~~
19 ~~clerk and recorder, upon receipt of the list from the court, shall forthwith~~
20 ~~cancel those names from the statewide voter registration system for the~~
21 ~~proper precinct with the notation that the names were canceled pursuant~~
22 ~~to court order, giving the date of the order. The decision of the court is~~
23 ~~final, and no appeal lies to any other court; except that the supreme court,~~
24 ~~in the exercise of its discretion, may review any such proceedings in a~~
25 ~~summary way.~~

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SECTION 56. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-108, **amend**

1 (5)(c) as follows:

2 **1-12-108. Petition requirements - approval as to form -**
3 **determination of sufficiency - protest - offenses.**

4 (5) (c) Unless physically unable, all electors shall sign their own
5 signature and shall print their names, respective residence addresses,
6 including the street number and name, the city or town, ~~the county~~, and
7 the date of signature. Each signature on a petition must be made, to the
8 extent possible, using a pen. If, while verifying a signer's information
9 against the registration records in accordance with subsection (8) of this
10 section, the designated election official finds that the signer provided ~~his~~
11 ~~or her~~ THEIR mailing address rather than ~~his or her~~ THEIR residence
12 address, the designated election official may accept the signature line as
13 valid if the designated election official is able to locate the signer's record
14 in the statewide voter registration database and determines that the signer
15 was eligible to sign the petition.

16 **SECTION 57.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-114, **amend**
17 (2)(b) as follows:

18 **1-12-114. Mail ballots - plan required - voter service and**
19 **polling centers - number required - definition.**

20 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this code:

21 (b) Not earlier than the ~~twenty-second~~ TWENTY-NINTH day or later
22 than the ~~eighteenth~~ TWENTY-FIFTH day before the election, the designated
23 election official shall mail ballots to all active registered electors.

24 **SECTION 58.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-201, **amend**
25 (1) as follows:

26 **1-12-201. Vacancies in office of United States senator.**

27 (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator

1 from ~~this~~ THE state, the governor shall make a temporary appointment to
2 fill the vacancy until it is filled by election. THE GOVERNOR SHALL
3 APPOINT A PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS
4 THE FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR.

5 **SECTION 59.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 1-12-205** as
6 follows:

7 **1-12-205. Vacancies in county offices.**

8 All vacancies in any county office, except that of county
9 commissioner, shall be filled by appointment by the board of county
10 commissioners of the county in which the vacancy occurs. ~~until the next~~
11 ~~general election, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by election~~ THE
12 APPOINTED OFFICIAL SHALL SERVE IN THE COUNTY OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT
13 REGULARLY SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION, AT WHICH TIME THE
14 REMAINDER OF THE VACANT TERM, IF ANY, SHALL BE FILLED BY ELECTION.

15 **SECTION 60.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 1-12-209** as
16 follows:

17 **1-12-209. Terms of persons filling vacancies.**

18 Except for appointments on nonpartisan boards, any officers
19 elected or appointed to fill vacancies as provided in this article shall
20 qualify and enter upon the duties of their offices immediately thereafter.
21 If elected or appointed, the officers shall hold the office during the
22 unexpired term for which they were elected ~~and~~ OR APPOINTED until ~~their~~
23 ~~successors are elected, qualified, and take office on the second Tuesday~~
24 ~~of January~~ THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION, OR FOR
25 COUNTY COMMISSIONER OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES, UNTIL THE
26 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COORDINATED OR GENERAL ELECTION,
27 WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, AT WHICH TIME THE REMAINDER OF THE

1 VACANT TERM, IF ANY, SHALL BE FILLED BY ELECTION, except as otherwise
2 provided by law, in accordance with section 1-1-201.

3 **SECTION 61.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-13-711 as
4 follows:

5 **1-13-711. Interference with voter while voting.**

6 Any person who interferes with any voter who is ~~inside the~~
7 ~~immediate voting area or is marking a ballot or operating a voting device~~
8 ~~or electronic voting device~~ WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF ANY BUILDING
9 IN WHICH A POLLING LOCATION OR DROP-OFF LOCATION IS LOCATED OR
10 WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A DROP BOX VOTING AREA at any election
11 provided by law upon conviction shall be punished as provided in section
12 1-13-111.

13 **SECTION 62.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-13-711 as
14 follows:

15 **1-13-711. Interference with voter while voting.**

16 Any person who interferes with any voter who is inside the
17 immediate voting area, WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF ANY BUILDING IN
18 WHICH A POLLING LOCATION OR DROP-OFF LOCATION IS LOCATED, OR
19 WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A DROP BOX or is marking a ballot or
20 operating a voting device or electronic voting device at any election
21 provided by law upon conviction shall be punished as provided in section
22 1-13-111.

23 **SECTION 63.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-13-713 as
24 follows:

25 **1-13-713. Intimidation.**

26 It is unlawful for any person directly or indirectly, by himself or
27 herself or by any other person in his or her behalf, to RECKLESSLY impede,

1 prevent, MAKE A CREDIBLE THREAT, MENACE, INTIMIDATE, or otherwise
2 interfere with the free exercise of the elective franchise of any elector,
3 INCLUDING ANY ELECTOR WHO IS DELIVERING NO MORE THAN TEN MAIL
4 BALLOTS TO A DROP BOX OR DROP-OFF-LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE
5 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, or to
6 compel, induce, or prevail upon any elector either to give or refrain from
7 giving the elector's vote at any election provided by law or to give or
8 refrain from giving the elector's vote for any particular person or measure
9 at any such election. Each such offense is a class 1 misdemeanor.

10 **SECTION 64.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-13-724, **amend**
11 **(4) as follows:**

12 **1-13-724. Unlawfully carrying a firearm at a polling location**
13 **or drop box - exception - legislative declaration.**

14 **(4) This section does not apply to a peace officer, as described in**
15 **section 16-2.5-101, acting within the scope of the peace officer's authority**
16 **and in the performance of the peace officer's LAWFUL duties, EXCEPT AS**
17 **OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 1-13-713 AND 1-13-726.**

18 **SECTION 65.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-13-725, **amend**
19 **(1)(b) and (1)(c) as follows:**

20 **1-13-725. False slate of presidential electors - penalties.**

21 (1) (b) A person who knowingly signs, files, transmits, or records
22 with the secretary of state, the archivist of the United States, the president
23 of the United States senate, the United States congress, or a Colorado
24 federal district court judge a list of presidential electors who voted for
25 candidates for president and vice president of the United States, OR THEIR
26 SUCCESSORS, who did not receive the highest number of votes in the state
27 at a general election at which the offices of president and vice president

1 of the United States were contested commits offering of a false
2 instrument for recording as set forth in section 18-5-114. If the interstate
3 compact, "Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by
4 National Popular Vote", described in part 40 of article 60 of title 24, is in
5 effect and the state's electoral votes are awarded to the winner of the
6 national popular vote, the provisions of this subsection (1)(b) shall apply
7 to individuals who sign, file, transmit, or record a list of presidential
8 electors who voted for candidates for president and vice president of the
9 United States, OR THEIR SUCCESSORS, who the secretary of state did not
10 designate as the national popular vote winner.

11 (c) A person who has not been elected as a presidential elector in
12 a general election and who knowingly votes as a presidential elector for
13 candidates for president and vice president of the United States, OR THEIR
14 SUCCESSORS, who did not receive the highest number of votes in the state
15 at a general election at which the offices of president and vice president
16 of the United States were contested, or who inputs information into a
17 form, certificate, or other paper or document required of presidential
18 electors that was not provided by the secretary of state pursuant to section
19 1-4-304, commits forgery as set forth in section 18-5-102. If the interstate
20 compact, "Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by
21 National Popular Vote", described in part 40 of article 60 of title 24, is in
22 effect and the state's electoral votes are awarded to the winner of the
23 national popular vote, the provisions of this subsection (1)(c) shall apply
24 to a person who knowingly votes as a presidential elector for candidates
25 for president and vice president of the United States, OR THEIR
26 SUCCESSORS, who the secretary of state did not designate as the national
27 popular vote winner.

1 **SECTION 66.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-13-726, amend
2 (3) introductory portion and (6)(b); and add (3)(b.5), (5)(e), (5)(f) as
3 follows:

4 **1-13-726. Intimidation of voters or election officials - civil**
5 **enforcement - short title - definitions.**

6 **(3) Election-related intimidation prohibited.** An individual,
7 whether acting under color of law or otherwise, shall not RECKLESSLY
8 intimidate, ~~threaten~~ MAKE A CREDIBLE THREAT, or coerce or attempt to
9 RECKLESSLY intimidate, ~~threaten~~ MAKE A CREDIBLE THREAT, or coerce,
10 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, any individual for any of the following:

11 **(b.5) DELIVERING NO MORE THAN TEN MAIL BALLOTS TO A DROP**
12 **BOX OR DROP-OFF LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND**
13 **RECORDER OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL;**

14 **(5) Right to enforce.**

15 **(e) A DISTRICT COURT THAT HAS JURISDICTION OVER ANY SUIT**
16 **BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION OF**
17 **THE SUIT AND CONDUCT A FORTHWITH HEARING THEREON. A DISTRICT**
18 **COURT MAY ORDER SUCH EQUITABLE RELIEF AS IS WARRANTED BY THE**
19 **FACTS AND APPLICABLE LAW AND DO SO ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS IF**
20 **WARRANTED.**

21 **(f) IF, AT THE TIME OF FILING THE COMPLAINT, AN INDIVIDUAL**
22 **DEFENDANT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED BY NAME BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL**
23 **WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER DISGUISE OR REFUSED TO PROVIDE**
24 **IDENTIFYING INFORMATION INCLUDING THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S**
25 **EMPLOYER, WHETHER AN ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY, THE**
26 **PLAINTIFF MAY NAME THE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AND THE INDIVIDUAL'S**
27 **EMPLOYER AS DEFENDANTS IN THE COMPLAINT FILED PURSUANT TO THIS**

1 SECTION.

2 (6) Relief.

3 (b) To prevail in a suit to enforce subsection (3) of this section, a
4 plaintiff is not required to prove that a defendant intended to intimidate,
5 threaten, or coerce any individual, except to prove an THAT A
6 DEFENDANT'S ACTS CONSTITUTED A RECKLESS attempt to, DIRECTLY OR
7 INDIRECTLY, intimidate, threaten, or coerce A PERSON IN VOTING OR TO
8 REFRAIN FROM VOTING OR IN DELIVERING NO MORE THAN TEN BALLOTS TO
9 A DROP BOX OR DROP-OFF LOCATION DESIGNATED BY A COUNTY CLERK OR
10 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. A court may nonetheless consider
11 evidence of intent in determining the appropriate relief AND SHALL
12 RETAIN JURISDICTION OVER ANY ATTEMPTS BY THE NAMED DEFENDANTS
13 TO INTIMIDATE, THREATEN, OR COERCE VOTING AT THE LOCATION OR
14 LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED IN A SUIT THROUGH THE DATE OF THE RELEVANT
15 ELECTION.

16 **SECTION 67.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-40-111, **amend**
17 **(1)(b) as follows:**

18 **1-40-111. Notice of circulation - signatures - affidavits -**
19 **notarization - list of circulators and notaries.**

20 (1) (b) Any initiative or referendum petition shall be signed only
21 by registered electors who are eligible to vote on the measure. Each
22 registered elector shall sign their own signature and shall print their name,
23 the address at which they reside, including the street number and name,
24 the city and town, ~~the county~~, and the date of signing. The circulator of
25 a petition shall encourage each registered elector signing a petition to sign
26 the petition in ink. In the event a registered elector is a person with a
27 physical disability or is a person who is unable to read or write and the

1 registered elector wishes to sign the petition, the elector shall sign or
2 make their mark in the space so provided. Any person, other than a
3 circulator, may assist the elector who has a physical disability or who is
4 unable to read or write in completing the remaining information required
5 by this subsection (1). The person providing assistance shall sign their
6 name and address and shall state that such assistance was given to the
7 elector who has a physical disability or who is unable to read or write.

8 **SECTION 68.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-40-116, **amend**
9 (2) as follows:

10 **1-40-116. Validation - ballot issues - random sampling - rules.**

11 (2) Upon submission of the petition, the secretary of state shall
12 examine each name and signature on the petition. The petition shall not
13 be available to the public FOR EXAMINATION for a period of ~~no~~ NOT more
14 than ~~thirty~~ SIXTY calendar days ~~for the examination~~; EXCEPT THAT, THE
15 PERIOD SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE
16 DEADLINE TO FILE A PETITION FOR THAT PETITION TO APPEAR ON THE
17 UPCOMING BALLOT. The secretary shall assure that the information
18 required by sections 1-40-110 and 1-40-111 is complete, that the
19 information on each signature line was written by the person making the
20 signature, and that no signatures have been added to any sections of the
21 petition after the affidavit required by section 1-40-111 (2) has been
22 executed.

23 **SECTION 69.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-40-118, **amend**
24 (1) as follows:

25 **1-40-118. Protest.** (1) A protest in writing, under oath, together
26 with three copies thereof, may be filed in the district court for the county
27 in which the petition has been filed by some registered elector, within

1 fifteen days after the secretary of state issues a statement as to whether the
2 petition has a sufficient number of valid signatures, which statement must
3 be issued no later than ~~thirty~~ SIXTY calendar days after the petition has
4 been filed; EXCEPT THAT, A STATEMENT MUST BE ISSUED NO LATER THAN
5 THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DEADLINE TO FILE A PETITION FOR
6 THAT PETITION TO APPEAR ON THE UPCOMING BALLOT. If the secretary of
7 state fails to issue a statement ~~within thirty calendar days~~ BY THE
8 DEADLINE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, the petition is deemed sufficient.
9 Regardless of whether the secretary of state has issued a statement of
10 sufficiency or if the petition is deemed sufficient because the secretary of
11 state has failed to issue a statement of sufficiency within thirty calendar
12 days, no further agency action is necessary for the district court to have
13 jurisdiction to consider the protest. During the period a petition is being
14 examined by the secretary of state for sufficiency, the petition shall not
15 be available to the public; except that such period must not exceed ~~thirty~~
16 ~~calendar days~~ THE DEADLINE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. Immediately
17 after the secretary of state issues a statement of sufficiency or, if the
18 petition is deemed sufficient because the secretary of state has failed to
19 issue the statement, ~~after thirty calendar days~~ BY THE DEADLINE REQUIRED
20 BY THIS SECTION, the secretary of state shall make the petition available
21 to the public for copying upon request.

22 SECTION 70. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-703,
23 amend (3) as follows:

24 24-33.5-703. Definitions.

25 (3) (a) "Disaster" means the occurrence or imminent threat of
26 widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting
27 from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not

1 limited to fire; flood; earthquake; wind; storm; wave action; hazardous
2 substance incident; oil spill or other water contamination requiring
3 emergency action to avert danger or damage; volcanic activity; epidemic;
4 air pollution; blight; drought; infestation; explosion; civil disturbance;
5 hostile military or paramilitary action; a market disruption, including a
6 trade disruption or an atypical disruption in the market that affects
7 production, distribution, or consumption of a product or service; or a
8 condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion existing in the state or in any
9 county, city, town, or district in the state.

10 (b) (I) "DISASTER" ALSO MEANS THE OCCURRENCE OR IMMINENT
11 THREAT OF THE INABILITY TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE
12 "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992", ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF TITLE 1, FROM
13 ANY NATURAL CAUSE OR CAUSE OF HUMAN ORIGIN.

14 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31,
15 2031.

16 **SECTION 71.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-205.5,
17 **amend** (4)(b)(II) as follows:

18 **24-72-205.5. Public inspection of ballots - stay period -**
19 **recounts - rules governing public inspection of ballots - legislative**
20 **declaration - definitions.**

21 (4) (b) In connection with the public inspection of the ballots to
22 which this section pertains:

23 (II) The designated election official, or ~~his or her~~ THE DESIGNATED
24 ELECTION OFFICIAL'S designee, shall cover or redact, based upon the most
25 practical means available, any markings or message on a ballot that may
26 identify the particular elector who cast the ballot before the ballot may be
27 made available for public inspection; EXCEPT THAT, ANY IDENTIFYING

1 MARKINGS OR MESSAGES VOLUNTARILY MADE BY THE PARTICULAR
2 ELECTOR WHO CAST THE BALLOT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE COVERED OR
3 REDACTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b)(II);

4 **SECTION 72. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
5 except that sections 1-7.5-107 (3)(a)(I) and 1-7.5-107 (3)(a)(II), Colorado
6 Revised Statutes, amended in section 50 of this act, take effect July 1,
7 2026.

8 **SECTION 73. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
9 year, \$10,000 is appropriated the the department of state. This
10 appropriation is from the department of state cash fund created in section
11 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division of
12 information technology may use this appropriation for personal services.

13 **SECTION 74. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
16 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
17 institutions.