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**SENATE BILL 25-001**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS, AND, IN**  
102              **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE COLORADO VOTING**  
103              **RIGHTS ACT AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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 creates the Colorado Voting Rights Act (act) and modifies certain election-related statutes in 4 areas:

- Election and voting statutes related to Indian tribes;
- Voting-related services for individuals with disabilities;
- Election-related language access; and

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- Election-related data collection.

**Creation of the act.** The bill creates the act, which prohibits political subdivisions from:

- Taking any action that results in or is intended to result in a material disparity between electors who are members of a protected race, color, or language minority group or other minority reporting group (protected class members) and other eligible electors in regard to voter participation, access to voting opportunities, or the opportunity or ability to participate in the political process (voter suppression);
- Enacting or employing any method of election that has the effect of, or is motivated in part by the intention of, disparately impairing the opportunity or ability of protected class members to participate in the political process, elect the candidates of their choice, or otherwise influence the outcome of elections (voter dilution); or
- Implementing, imposing, or enforcing a voting qualification or another prerequisite to voting based on an individual's actual or perceived gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

An aggrieved individual or organization may file a civil suit alleging voter suppression, voter dilution, or an unlawful voting prerequisite based on gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. The attorney general may investigate potential violations of the act and may file suit to enforce the act or may intervene in an aggrieved individual's or organization's civil suit.

**Election and voting statutes related to Indian tribes.** The bill clarifies provisions related to voter registration and election access for Indian tribes, including valid identification for registration purposes and the requirements for voter service and polling centers and ballot drop-off locations on Indian reservations.

**Voting-related services for individuals with disabilities.** The bill imposes a requirement on covered entities, defined as entities that provide state-funded services primarily to individuals with disabilities, to publicly display notices related to voting in advance of statewide general and primary elections.

**Election-related language access.** The bill expands existing requirements for the creation of multilingual ballots from only applying to qualifying counties to also applying to qualifying municipalities, based on the population or percentage of the voting-age population within the relevant jurisdiction who are minority language speakers and speak English less than very well.

**Election-related data collection.** The bill creates the statewide election database and information office (office) in the department of state. The office collects and maintains data related to elections, including

demographics, election results, and voting information, which the office is required to make publicly available. After each election, political subdivisions are required to submit election-related information to the office. The office also provides assistance to political subdivisions, researchers, and members of the public related to the data it maintains, in addition to providing data to the attorney general for purposes of investigating potential violations of the act.

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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)(XIII) as follows:

4           **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context  
5 otherwise requires:

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

7           (XIII) A valid identification card, WHICH NEED NOT CONTAIN A  
8 PHOTOGRAPH, THAT IS:

9           (A) Issued by a federally recognized tribal government, THE  
10 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OR THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE; OR

11           (B) ISSUED BY ANY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY ISSUING  
12 IDENTIFICATION certifying tribal membership AND THAT INCLUDES AN  
13 ADDRESS IN THE STATE; or

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16           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 1-1-117 as**  
17 **follows:**

18           **1-1-117. Party member access to methods of selecting**  
19 **candidates for the general election.** EACH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY  
20 SHALL ENSURE THAT ANY FUTURE ALTERNATIVE PROCESS BY WHICH A  
21 PARTY MAY SELECT CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, AS  
22 PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-4-702, INCLUDES A PROCESS FOR PARTY MEMBERS

1 TO VOTE THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PARTY MEMBER TO CAST THEIR VOTE  
2 IN PERSON AND BY WHICH ELIGIBLE PARTY MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND  
3 A NOMINATING ASSEMBLY OR CONVENTION, CONVENED AS PROVIDED BY  
4 SECTION 1-4-702, IN PERSON CAN PARTICIPATE TO THE SAME EXTENT AS  
5 THOSE VOTING IN PERSON.

6 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-105, **amend** (1)  
7 as follows:

8 **1-5-105. Restrictions.** (1) No election-related activity may be  
9 conducted within one hundred feet of any building in which a polling  
10 location or drop-off location is located OR WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF  
11 A DROP BOX, except that of the conduct of the election at the polling  
12 location, or drop-off location, OR DROP BOX.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-102.9, **amend**  
14 (5)(e) as follows:

15 **1-5-102.9. Voter service and polling centers - number required**  
16 **- services provided - drop-off locations - definition.** (5) (e) For a  
17 general election, in addition to the requirements of subsection (5)(a) of  
18 this section, at the request of the tribal council of an Indian tribe located  
19 on a federal reservation whose headquarters are within the county's  
20 boundaries, a county shall establish a ~~drop-off location~~ DROP BOX within  
21 the boundaries of the reservation. The ~~drop-off location~~ DROP BOX must  
22 accept ballots for the fifteen-day period prior to and including the day of  
23 the election.

24 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-702, **add** (2.7)  
25 as follows:

26 **1-5-702. Definitions.** As used in this part 7, unless the context  
27 otherwise requires:

- 1                   (2.7) "COVERED ENTITY" MEANS:
- 2                   (a) AN ADULT DAY CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 3 25.5-6-303 (1);
- 4                   (b) AN ALTERNATIVE CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 5 25.5-6-303 (3);
- 6                   (c) AN ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 7 25-27-102 (1.3);
- 8                   (d) A COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOME, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 9 25.5-10-202 (5);
- 10                  (e) AN INTERMEDIATE NURSING FACILITY FOR PERSONS WITH
- 11 INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AS DEFINED IN
- 12 SECTION 25.5-4-103 (9);
- 13                  (f) A NURSING FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25.5-4-103 (14);
- 14 OR
- 15                  (g) A STATE-RUN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL OR MENTAL HEALTH
- 16 INSTITUTE OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CREATED
- 17 IN SECTION 26-1-105.

18                  **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 1-5-707** as

19 follows:

20                  **1-5-707. Voting notice required - covered entities.** (1) A

21 COVERED ENTITY SHALL PUBLICLY DISPLAY AT LEAST ONE NOTICE IN EACH

22 BUILDING THAT IT OCCUPIES AND IN WHICH IT SERVES CLIENTS.

23                  (2) THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION

24 MUST:

25                  (a) INCLUDE INFORMATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION, VOTING

26 RIGHTS, AND VOTING-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS;

27                  (b) INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE SECRETARY OF

1 STATE ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR;

2 (c) INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR REQUESTING EFFECTIVE  
3 COMMUNICATION ACCOMMODATIONS CONSISTENT WITH TITLE II OF THE  
4 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
5 12101 ET SEQ.;

6 (d) STATE THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING DROP BOXES AND  
7 VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS CAN BE FOUND ON COUNTY  
8 ELECTION WEBSITES;

9 (e) BE WRITTEN IN PLAIN LANGUAGE; AND

10 (f) BE AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATE ACCESSIBLE FORMATS.

11 (3) A COVERED ENTITY SHALL PUBLICLY DISPLAY THE NOTICE  
12 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION DURING THE THIRTY DAYS  
13 PRECEDING A GENERAL OR COORDINATED ELECTION.

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15 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-110, **amend** (5)  
16 as follows:

17 **1-7-110. Preparing to vote in person.** (5) An eligible elector  
18 who does not reside within the county but wishes to vote at a polling  
19 location is entitled to receive a **mail** ballot or replacement **mail** ballot that  
20 contains the names of candidates for statewide federal and state offices  
21 and statewide ballot issues and ballot questions. The secretary of state  
22 shall certify the content of the ballot to the county clerk and recorder.

23 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-13-714, **amend**  
24 (1)(a) as follows:

25 **1-13-714. Electioneering - removing and return of ballot -**  
26 **definition.** (1) (a) ~~No~~ A person shall NOT do any electioneering on the  
27 day of any election, or during the time when voting is permitted for any

1 election, within any polling location or in any public street or room or in  
2 any public manner within one hundred feet of any building in which a  
3 polling location OR DROP-OFF LOCATION is located, as publicly posted by  
4 the designated election official, OR WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A DROP  
5 BOX.

6 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-10.5-102, **amend**  
7 (3)(a)(III) as follows:

8 **1-10.5-102. Recounts for congressional, state, and district**  
9 **offices, state ballot questions, and state ballot issues.** (3) (a) Prior to  
10 any recount, the canvass board shall choose at random and test at least  
11 one ballot scanner that will be used in the candidate race, ballot issue, or  
12 ballot question that is the subject of the recount. The purpose of the test  
13 is to ensure that the voting system accurately tabulates votes in the  
14 recounted contest. To conduct the test, the county must prepare and  
15 tabulate the following groups of ballots:

16 (III) For a mandatory recount, ~~a EACH CANVASS BOARD MEMBER,~~  
17 ~~OTHER THAN THE CLERK, SHALL SEPARATELY MARK THEIR OWN group of~~  
18 ~~ballots consisting of ten TEST ballots with the recount contest. marked by~~  
19 ~~at least two canvass board members of different party affiliations.~~

20 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-10.5-107, **amend**  
21 (1), (2), (3), and (4) as follows:

22 **1-10.5-107. Conducting a recount.** (1) Any county clerk and  
23 recorder ~~or governing body~~ required to conduct a recount shall arrange ~~to~~  
24 ~~have the recount made by~~ FOR the canvass board who officiated in  
25 certifying the official abstract of votes cast TO OBSERVE THE CONDUCT OF  
26 THE RECOUNT. If any member of the canvass board cannot ~~participate in~~  
27 BE PRESENT FOR the recount, another person shall be appointed in the

1 manner provided by law for appointment of the members of the original  
2 board.

3 (2) ~~Any canvass board making~~ A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER  
4 CONDUCTING a recount ~~under the provisions of this section may~~ SHALL  
5 employ assistants, ~~and~~ clerks, AND ELECTION JUDGES as necessary for the  
6 conduct of the recount. THE CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL EMPLOY A  
7 BIPARTISAN TEAM OF ELECTION JUDGES TO DETERMINE ISSUES OF VOTER  
8 INTENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF  
9 STATE. IF THE BIPARTISAN TEAM OF ELECTION JUDGES CANNOT MAKE A  
10 UNANIMOUS DECISION REGARDING AN ISSUE OF VOTER INTENT, THE  
11 CANVASS BOARD SHALL, BY MAJORITY VOTE, MAKE SUCH DETERMINATION.

12 (3) The canvass board ~~may require the production of any~~  
13 ~~documentary evidence regarding any vote cast or counted and may correct~~  
14 ~~the abstract of votes cast, in accordance with its findings based on the~~  
15 ~~evidence presented~~ SHOULD A DISCREPANCY IN THE VOTE TABULATION BE  
16 DISCOVERED DURING THE RECOUNT.

17 (4) At the conclusion of the recount, the ~~canvass board~~ COUNTY  
18 CLERK AND RECORDER shall make the returns of all partisan, nonpartisan,  
19 ballot issue, and ballot question elections to the ~~designated election~~  
20 ~~official~~ CANVASS BOARD and provide a copy to the persons or groups  
21 requesting the recount or notified of the recount pursuant to sections  
22 1-10.5-105 and 1-10.5-106. The canvass board shall meet and issue an  
23 amended abstract of votes cast for the office, ballot issue, or ballot  
24 question that is the subject of the recount and deliver it to the designated  
25 election official.

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27 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 47 to



1 title 1 as follows:

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**ARTICLE 47**

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**Colorado Voting Rights Act**

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**PART 1**

5

**VOTING RIGHTS**

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**1-47-101. Short title.** THIS ARTICLE 47 IS KNOWN AND MAY BE  
7 CITED AS THE "COLORADO VOTING RIGHTS ACT".

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**1-47-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
9 FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

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(a) ELECTORAL SYSTEMS OR PRACTICES THAT DENY TO RACE,  
11 COLOR, OR LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUPS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO  
12 ELECT CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE RIGHT  
13 TO FREE AND OPEN ELECTIONS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE II  
14 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND PROTECTIONS FOUND IN THE  
15 FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES  
16 CONSTITUTION;

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(b) DISCRIMINATION IN VOTING IS A PERSISTENT MATTER OF  
18 STATEWIDE CONCERN DUE TO THE HISTORY OF DISCRIMINATORY  
19 PRACTICES THAT CREATE DISPARITIES THAT PERSIST OVER TIME; AND

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(c) VOTER TURNOUT IS A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN AND IS  
21 MORE LIKELY TO BE LOW IN LOCAL ELECTIONS THAT ARE NOT  
22 COORDINATED WITH STATEWIDE      ELECTIONS.

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(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT  
24 THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION IN VOTING AND VOTER TURNOUT ARE  
25 MATTERS OF STATEWIDE CONCERN.

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(3) THEREFORE, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE TO  
27 CREATE A STATE VOTING RIGHTS ACT THAT PROTECTS AGAINST

1 DISCRIMINATION IN VOTING AND THAT ENCOURAGES LOCAL ELECTIONS TO  
2 BE HELD IN COORDINATION WITH STATEWIDE ELECTIONS.

3 **1-47-103. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 47, UNLESS THE  
4 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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6 (1) "ATTORNEY GENERAL" MEANS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AS  
7 DEFINED IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY  
8 GENERAL.

9 (2) "BALLOT ISSUE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
10 SECTION 1-1-104 (2.3).

11 (3) "BALLOT QUESTION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
12 SECTION 1-1-104 (2.7).

13 (4) "COORDINATED ELECTION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET  
14 FORTH IN SECTION 1-1-104 (6.5).

15 (5) "COUNTY" INCLUDES A CITY AND COUNTY.

16 (6) "DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN THE  
17 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
18 12101, ET SEQ.

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20 (7) "DROP BOX" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
21 1-1-104 (9.7).

22 (8) "DROP-OFF LOCATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
23 IN SECTION 1-1-104 (9.8). "DROP-OFF LOCATION" INCLUDES A BALLOT BOX  
24 AS DESCRIBED IN THE "COLORADO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE OF 1965",  
25 ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 31.

26 (9) "ELECTOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
27 1-1-104 (12).

1           (10) "ELIGIBLE ELECTOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
2 IN SECTION 1-1-104 (16).

3           (11) "GENDER EXPRESSION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET  
4 FORTH IN SECTION 24-34-301 (9).

5           (12) "GENDER IDENTITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
6 IN SECTION 24-34-301 (10).

7           (13) "GENERAL ELECTION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
8 IN SECTION 1-1-104 (17).

9           (14) "LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUP" MEANS INDIVIDUALS WHOSE  
10 PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS ANY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

11           (15) "MATERIAL DISPARITY" MEANS A NON-TRIVIAL DIFFERENCE.

12           (16) "METHOD OF ELECTION" MEANS THE METHOD BY WHICH  
13 CANDIDATES ARE ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE POLITICAL  
14 SUBDIVISION.

15           (17) "MUNICIPALITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
16 SECTION 31-1-101 (6).

17           (18) "POLARIZED VOTING" MEANS VOTING IN WHICH THERE IS A  
18 DIVERGENCE IN THE CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL PREFERENCES, OR  
19 ELECTORAL CHOICES, OF MEMBERS IN A PROTECTED CLASS FROM THE  
20 CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL PREFERENCES, OR ELECTORAL CHOICES, OF  
21 OTHER ELECTORS IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

22           (19) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A STATUTORY OR HOME  
23 RULE COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, OR MUNICIPALITY.  
24 "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" DOES NOT INCLUDE A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR  
25 SPECIAL DISTRICT.

26           (20) "POLLING LOCATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
27 IN SECTION 1-1-104 (27.5).

1           (21) "PRECINCT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
2 SECTION 1-1-104 (30).

3           (22) "PRIMARY ELECTION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
4 IN SECTION 1-1-104 (32).

5           (23) "PROTECTED CLASS" MEANS A CLASS OF ELECTORS WHO ARE  
6 MEMBERS OF ONE OR MORE RACIAL, COLOR, OR LANGUAGE MINORITY  
7 GROUPS, INCLUDING:

8           (a) A RACIAL, COLOR, OR LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUP AS  
9 REFERENCED IN THE FEDERAL "VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965", 52 U.S.C.  
10 SEC. 10301, ET SEQ.; AND

11           (b) A MINIMUM REPORTING CATEGORY THAT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY  
12 RECOGNIZED OR CONSIDERED THROUGH NOTICE AND COMMENT BY THE  
13 UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU.

14           (24) "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET  
15 FORTH IN SECTION 24-34-301 (24).

16           (25) "VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER" HAS THE SAME  
17 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1-1-104 (50.5).

18           **1-47-104. Liberal construction.** THIS ARTICLE 47 MUST BE  
19 LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSE AND TO:

20           (1) PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CAST A BALLOT AND MAKE THE BALLOT  
21 VALID;

22           (2) ENSURE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING VOTER REGISTRATION  
23 ARE NOT IMPAIRED IN BEING REGISTERED;

24           (3) ENSURE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS ARE NOT IMPAIRED IN VOTING,  
25 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HAVING THEIR VOTES COUNTED;

26           (4) MAKE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE MORE ACCESSIBLE  
27 TO ELIGIBLE ELECTORS; AND

1 (5) ENSURE, FOR MEMBERS OF PROTECTED CLASSES, EQUITABLE  
2 ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND TO VOTE.

3 **1-47-105. Prohibition on voter suppression.**      A POLITICAL  
4 SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT ACT IN A MANNER THAT RESULTS IN, WILL RESULT  
5 IN, OR IS INTENDED TO RESULT IN A MATERIAL DISPARITY BETWEEN  
6 MEMBERS OF A PROTECTED CLASS AND OTHER ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN  
7 REGARD TO VOTER PARTICIPATION, ACCESS TO VOTING OPPORTUNITIES, OR  
8 THE OPPORTUNITY OR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.  
9 A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
10 1-47-204.

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12 **1-47-106. Prohibition on voter dilution.** (1) A POLITICAL  
13 SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT ENACT OR EMPLOY ANY METHOD OF ELECTION  
14 THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF, OR IS MOTIVATED IN PART BY THE INTENTION OF,  
15 DISPARATELY IMPAIRING THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OR ABILITY OF  
16 MEMBERS OF A PROTECTED CLASS TO      ELECT THE CANDIDATES OF THEIR  
17 CHOICE OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS AS A  
18 RESULT OF DILUTING THE VOTE OF MEMBERS OF THAT PROTECTED CLASS.

19 (2) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OCCURS WHEN:

20       
21 (a) (I) ELECTIONS IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EXHIBIT  
22 POLARIZED VOTING THAT DISPARATELY IMPAIRS THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY  
23 OR ABILITY OF MEMBERS OF A PROTECTED CLASS TO NOMINATE OR ELECT  
24 THE CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE; OR

25 (II) BASED ON THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EQUAL  
26 OPPORTUNITY OR ABILITY OF MEMBERS OF A PROTECTED CLASS TO  
27 NOMINATE OR ELECT THE CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE IS DISPARATELY

1 IMPAIRED; AND

2 (b) ONE OR MORE NEW METHODS OF ELECTION OR CHANGES TO THE  
3 EXISTING ELECTION METHOD EXIST THAT WOULD LIKELY MITIGATE THE  
4 DISPARATE IMPAIRMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OR (2)(a)(II)  
5 OF THIS SECTION.

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7 **1-47-107. Prohibition on voting prerequisites based on gender**  
8 **identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.** A POLITICAL  
9 SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT IMPLEMENT, IMPOSE, OR ENFORCE A  
10 QUALIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY TO BE AN ELECTOR OR ANOTHER  
11 PREREQUISITE TO VOTING BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S ACTUAL OR  
12 PERCEIVED GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, OR SEXUAL  
13 ORIENTATION.

14 **1-47-108. Prohibition on additional voting prerequisites and**  
15 **burdens based on confinement in local jail.** (1) A POLITICAL  
16 SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT IMPLEMENT, IMPOSE, OR ENFORCE AN ADDITIONAL  
17 QUALIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY TO BE AN ELECTOR OR ANOTHER  
18 PREREQUISITE TO VOTING BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S CONFINEMENT TO A  
19 LOCAL JAIL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102 (7).

20 (2) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT IMPOSE UNNECESSARY  
21 BURDENS ON AN ELECTOR'S ACCESS TO ELECTION INFORMATION, VOTER  
22 REGISTRATION, OR A BALLOT BASED ON THAT ELECTOR'S CONFINEMENT TO  
23 A LOCAL JAIL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102 (7).

24 (3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION AFFECTS THE EXISTING  
25 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY AS DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 1-2-103 (4)  
26 AND 31-10-201 (3).

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PART 2

1 ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS

2 **1-47-201. Enforcement of voting rights act - civil action -**  
3 **attorney general powers - priority on court calendar.** (1) (a) AN

4 AGGRIEVED PERSON MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION ALLEGING A VIOLATION  
5 OF SECTION 1-47-105, 1-47-106, 1-47-107, OR 1-47-108. THE AGGRIEVED  
6 PERSON MAY FILE SUIT IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
7 WHERE THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OCCURRED OR IN THE DENVER DISTRICT  
8 COURT.

9 (b) AN AGGRIEVED PERSON THAT MAY BRING SUIT PURSUANT TO  
10 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES:

11 (I) AN INDIVIDUAL;

12 (II) AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES OR IS  
13 LIKELY TO INCLUDE AGGRIEVED INDIVIDUALS;

14 (III) AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION WOULD BE FRUSTRATED  
15 BY A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-47-105, 1-47-106, 1-47-107, OR 1-47-108;

16 AND

17 (IV) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS OR WOULD BE REQUIRED TO  
18 EXPEND █████ RESOURCES TO FULFILL ITS MISSION AS A RESULT OF A  
19 VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-47-105, 1-47-106, 1-47-107, OR 1-47-108.

20 (2) (a) TO ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE 47, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
21 MAY:

22 (I) BRING A CIVIL ACTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS  
23 SECTION; OR

24 (II) INTERVENE IN A CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT BY AN AGGRIEVED  
25 PERSON PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (b) TO ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE 47, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY  
27 CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND ISSUE CIVIL INVESTIGATION DEMANDS

1 RELATED TO POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 47.

2 (3) A CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
3 RECEIVES PREFERENCE OVER OTHER CIVIL CAUSES AND MUST BE HEARD  
4 AND DETERMINED IN PREFERENCE TO OTHER CIVIL BUSINESS, REGARDLESS  
5 OF POSITION ON THE CALENDAR.

6 (4) THE STATE IS A NECESSARY PARTY TO ANY ACTION IN WHICH  
7 AN ALLEGED VIOLATION IS BASED ON A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION'S  
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992", IF THE  
9 APPLICABLE STATE LAW DOES NOT AFFORD DISCRETION TO THE POLITICAL  
10 SUBDIVISION IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH LAW.

11 **1-47-202. Notification letter - when required.** (1) (a) EXCEPT  
12 AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, BEFORE BRINGING A  
13 CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
14 1-47-201, AN AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL  
15 SEND BY CERTIFIED MAIL A NOTIFICATION LETTER TO THE POLITICAL  
16 SUBDIVISION INFORMING THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT IT MAY BE IN  
17 VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 47 AND INCLUDING DETAILS OF THE ALLEGED  
18 VIOLATION. THE NOTIFICATION LETTER MUST SPECIFY THE VIOLATION OR  
19 VIOLATIONS ALLEGED AND MUST CONTAIN A STATEMENT OF FACTS TO  
20 SUPPORT SUCH ALLEGATION.

21 (b) AN AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MUST  
22 WAIT SIXTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER SENDING THE NOTIFICATION LETTER  
23 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO BRING A CIVIL  
24 ACTION AGAINST A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
25 1-47-201; EXCEPT THAT, IF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ADOPTS A  
26 RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-203, AN AGGRIEVED PERSON OR  
27 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MUST WAIT NINETY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE



1 PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE  
2 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR IF THE SOLUTION IDENTIFIED IN THE  
3 RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-203 (2) REQUIRES AN ELECTION  
4 IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, THE AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE  
5 ATTORNEY GENERAL MUST WAIT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY CALENDAR DAYS  
6 AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION  
7 AGAINST THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

8 (2) AN AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY  
9 BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO  
10 SECTION 1-47-201 WITHOUT FIRST SENDING THE NOTIFICATION LETTER  
11 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION IF:

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- 13           (a) THE AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS  
14 SEEKING PRELIMINARY RELIEF PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-206 (1); OR
- 15           (b) A DIFFERENT AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
16 PREVIOUSLY SENT A NOTIFICATION LETTER REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION  
17 (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT IDENTIFIED  
18 A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 47,  
19 SIXTY CALENDAR DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THAT NOTIFICATION LETTER  
20 WAS SENT, AND THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION HAS NOT ADOPTED A  
21 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SOLUTION TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

22           **1-47-203. Political subdivision resolution - remedy for**  
23 **violation of Colorado Voting Rights Act - agreement with aggrieved**  
24 **person - definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
25 OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "RESOLUTION" MEANS A RESOLUTION OF A  
26 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN  
27 SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

1           (2) (a) AFTER RECEIVING A NOTIFICATION LETTER SENT PURSUANT  
2 TO SECTION 1-47-202, THE GOVERNING BODY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
3 MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SOLUTION TO THE ALLEGED  
4 VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 47 AS IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTIFICATION  
5 LETTER.

6           (b) A RESOLUTION MUST:

7           (I) SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS  
8 ARTICLE 47;

9           (II) IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC PROPOSED SOLUTION TO THE VIOLATION  
10 ALLEGED IN THE NOTIFICATION LETTER;

11           (III) AFFIRM THE INTENTION OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO  
12 ENACT AND IMPLEMENT A SOLUTION TO THE IDENTIFIED ALLEGED  
13 VIOLATION;

14           (IV) OUTLINE SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT THE POLITICAL  
15 SUBDIVISION WILL TAKE TO ENACT AND IMPLEMENT THE IDENTIFIED  
16 SOLUTION; AND

17           (V) ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR ENACTMENT AND  
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IDENTIFIED SOLUTION.

19           (c) THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN  
20 ADMISSION BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF ANY LIABILITY UNDER THIS  
21 ARTICLE 47.

22           (3) (a) IF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ADOPTS A RESOLUTION, THE  
23 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT THE IDENTIFIED SOLUTION  
24 WITHIN NINETY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION;  
25 EXCEPT THAT, IF THE IDENTIFIED SOLUTION REQUIRES AN ELECTION IN THE  
26 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT  
27 THE IDENTIFIED SOLUTION WITHIN ONE HUNDRE EIGHTY CALENDAR DAYS

1 AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION.

2 (b) (I) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
3 IDENTIFIED SOLUTION, AN AGGRIEVED PERSON WHO SENT THE  
4 NOTIFICATION LETTER THAT PROMPTED THE SOLUTION MAY DEMAND  
5 REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF THE WORK PRODUCT GENERATED TO  
6 SUPPORT THE NOTIFICATION LETTER.

7 (II) AN AGGRIEVED PERSON SHALL MAKE THE DEMAND FOR  
8 REIMBURSEMENT IN WRITING AND SHALL SUBSTANTIATE THE DEMAND  
9 WITH FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION, SUCH AS A DETAILED INVOICE FOR  
10 DEMOGRAPHY SERVICES OR FOR THE ANALYSIS OF VOTING PATTERNS IN  
11 THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY REQUEST  
12 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IF THE PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION IS  
13 INSUFFICIENT TO CORROBORATE THE CLAIMED COSTS.

14 (III) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL REIMBURSE AN AGGRIEVED  
15 PERSON AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) FOR REASONABLE COSTS  
16 CLAIMED OR IN AN AMOUNT TO WHICH THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND  
17 THE AGGRIEVED PERSON MUTUALLY AGREE. A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR  
18 AN AGGRIEVED PERSON MAY FILE A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION TO  
19 OBTAIN A CLARIFICATION OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION  
20 (3)(b).

21 (c) IF A PROVISION OF LAW WOULD PRECLUDE IMPLEMENTATION OR  
22 ENACTMENT OF THE SOLUTION IDENTIFIED IN THE RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE  
23 THE ALLEGED VIOLATION, THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT ADOPTED THE  
24 RESOLUTION MAY FILE A PETITION IN DISTRICT COURT SEEKING SPECIFIC  
25 AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE IDENTIFIED SOLUTION. A DISTRICT COURT  
26 MAY GRANT APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE IDENTIFIED  
27 SOLUTION UPON A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION'S PETITION THAT IDENTIFIES

1 WITH SPECIFICITY THE STATUTE OR OTHER AUTHORITY THAT PREVENTS  
2 THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM ENACTING OR IMPLEMENTING THE  
3 IDENTIFIED SOLUTION.

4 (4) IF AN AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
5 DETERMINES THAT THE SOLUTION IDENTIFIED IN THE RESOLUTION DOES  
6 NOT REMEDY THE ALLEGED VIOLATION IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTIFICATION  
7 LETTER SENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-202, AN AGGRIEVED PERSON OR  
8 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE  
9 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-201.

10 **1-47-204. Prima facie case - voter suppression.** (1) (a) AN  
11 AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BRINGING A CIVIL ACTION  
12 AGAINST A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-201 THAT  
13 ALLEGES A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-47-105 ESTABLISHES A PRIMA FACIE  
14 CASE OF VOTER SUPPRESSION IF THE PERSON SHOWS, BY A  
15 PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE, THAT THE CHALLENGED ACTION  
16 RESULTS IN, WILL RESULT IN, OR IS INTENDED TO RESULT IN A MATERIAL  
17 DISPARITY BETWEEN MEMBERS OF A PROTECTED CLASS AND OTHER  
18 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN REGARD TO VOTER PARTICIPATION, ACCESS TO  
19 VOTING OPPORTUNITIES, OR THE OPPORTUNITY OR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE  
20 IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

21 (b) IF THE AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
22 ESTABLISHES A PRIMA FACIE CASE OF VOTER SUPPRESSION AS DESCRIBED  
23 IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE BURDEN SHIFTS TO THE  
24 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO DEMONSTRATE BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING  
25 EVIDENCE THAT THE CHALLENGED ACTION IS NECESSARY TO FURTHER AN  
26 IMPORTANT, PARTICULARIZED GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST.

27 (c) IF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MEETS ITS BURDEN AS

1 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE CHALLENGED  
2 ACTION MAY NONETHELESS BE HELD INVALID IF THE AGGRIEVED PERSON  
3 OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEMONSTRATES BY A PREPONDERANCE OF  
4 THE EVIDENCE THAT THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION COULD COMPARABLY  
5 FURTHER THE IDENTIFIED IMPORTANT, PARTICULARIZED GOVERNMENTAL  
6 INTEREST THROUGH AN ALTERNATIVE POLICY THAT RESULTS IN A SMALLER  
7 DISPARITY BETWEEN MEMBERS OF A PROTECTED CLASS AND OTHER  
8 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS.

9 **1-47-205. Factors in determining voter dilution.** (1) (a) IN  
10 DETERMINING WHETHER A CHALLENGED METHOD OF ELECTION EXHIBITS  
11 POLARIZED VOTING FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 1-47-106 (2)(a)(I), A  
12 COURT:

13 (I) SHALL DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF POLARIZED VOTING BASED  
14 ONLY ON THE COMBINED ELECTORAL PREFERENCES OF THE GROUPS  
15 COMPRISING THE PROTECTED CLASS, AS DEFINED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
16 THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SHOW THAT EACH GROUP OR ANY  
17 SUBGROUP WITHIN A PROTECTED CLASS IS SEPARATELY POLARIZED FROM  
18 OTHER ELIGIBLE ELECTORS.

19 (II) SHALL NOT CONSIDER THE CAUSES OF OR REASONS FOR  
20 POLARIZED VOTING, INCLUDING PARTISAN EXPLANATIONS OR  
21 DISCRIMINATORY INTENT;

22 (III) MAY FIND A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-47-106 BASED ON ANY  
23 NUMBER OR COMBINATION OF ELECTIONS, INCLUDING ONE ELECTION; AND

24 (IV) MAY CONSIDER ANALYSES OF RELEVANT ELECTION RESULTS,  
25 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

26 (A) ELECTIONS FOR OFFICES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION;

27 (B) ELECTIONS HELD IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR OTHER

1 OFFICES, SUCH AS STATE OR FEDERAL OFFICES; OR

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3 (C) OTHER ELECTORAL CHOICES THAT BEAR ON THE RIGHTS AND  
4 PRIVILEGES OF THE PROTECTED CLASS.

5 (b) THE FOLLOWING DO NOT PRECLUDE A FINDING THAT A  
6 VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-47-106 EXISTS:

7 (I) EVIDENCE OF NONPOLARIZED VOTING IN ELECTIONS FOR  
8 OFFICES OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION;

9 (II) NONSTATISTICAL OR NONQUANTITATIVE EVIDENCE OF  
10 NONPOLARIZED VOTING, WHERE ALLEGATIONS OF POLARIZED VOTING ARE  
11 BASED ON QUANTITATIVE OR STATISTICAL EVIDENCE; OR

12 (III) LOW TURNOUT OR REGISTRATION RATES AMONG MEMBERS OF  
13 A PROTECTED CLASS.

14 (2) (a) IN DETERMINING WHETHER, BASED ON THE TOTALITY OF  
15 THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OR ABILITY OF MEMBERS  
16 OF A PROTECTED CLASS TO NOMINATE OR ELECT THE CANDIDATES OF  
17 THEIR CHOICE IS DISPARATELY IMPAIRED FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION  
18 1-47-106 (2)(a)(II), A COURT MAY CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

19 (I) THE HISTORY OF DISCRIMINATION AFFECTING MEMBERS OF THE  
20 PROTECTED CLASS;

21 (II) THE EXTENT TO WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PROTECTED CLASS  
22 ARE DISADVANTAGED OR OTHERWISE BEAR THE EFFECTS OF PUBLIC OR  
23 PRIVATE DISCRIMINATION IN AREAS THAT MAY HINDER THEIR ABILITY TO  
24 PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS, INCLUDING  
25 EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, HOUSING,  
26 TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE, OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION;

27 (III) THE EXTENT TO WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PROTECTED CLASS

1 VOTE AT LOWER RATES THAN OTHER ELIGIBLE ELECTORS;

2 (IV) THE EXTENT TO WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PROTECTED CLASS  
3 CONTRIBUTE MONEY TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS OR POLITICAL CAUSES AT  
4 LOWER RATES THAN OTHER INDIVIDUALS;

5 (V) THE EXTENT TO WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PROTECTED CLASS  
6 HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO OFFICE IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION;

7 (VI) THE EXTENT TO WHICH CANDIDATES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF  
8 THE PROTECTED CLASS HAVE FACED BARRIERS WITH RESPECT TO  
9 ACCESSING THE BALLOT, RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT, OR RECEIVING  
10 OTHER SUPPORT FOR AN ELECTION;

11 (VII) THE EXTENT TO WHICH CANDIDATES FACE HOSTILITY OR  
12 BARRIERS WHILE CAMPAIGNING ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN  
13 THE PROTECTED CLASS; AND

14 (VIII) THE USE OF OVERT OR SUBTLE RACIAL APPEALS IN  
15 POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR SURROUNDING  
16 ADOPTION OR MAINTENANCE OF THE CHALLENGED METHOD OF ELECTION.

17 (b) NONE OF THE FACTORS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF  
18 THIS SECTION ARE DISPOSITIVE OR NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE  
19 EXISTENCE OF A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-47-106 AND NO SPECIFIED  
20 NUMBER OR COMBINATION OF FACTORS IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A  
21 VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-47-106.

22 (3) WHETHER MEMBERS OF A PROTECTED CLASS TYPICALLY ELECT  
23 CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE TO THE RELEVANT GOVERNING BODY IN  
24 APPROXIMATE PROPORTION TO THEIR TOTAL NUMBER OR SHARE OF THE  
25 POPULATION MAY BE RELEVANT TO FINDING A VIOLATION OF SECTION  
26 1-47-106 AND DETERMINING AN APPROPRIATE REMEDY.

27 (4) THE FACT THAT MEMBERS OF A PROTECTED CLASS ARE NOT

1 GEOGRAPHICALLY COMPACT OR CONCENTRATED DOES NOT PRECLUDE  
2 FINDING A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-47-106, BUT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN  
3 DETERMINING AN APPROPRIATE REMEDY FOR A VIOLATION.

4 **1-47-206. Remedy for violation of Colorado Voting Rights Act**  
5 **- preliminary relief - award of costs and fees.** (1) (a) AN AGGRIEVED  
6 PERSON THAT BRINGS A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
7 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-201, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MAY SEEK  
8 PRELIMINARY RELIEF CONCERNING AN UPCOMING ELECTION HELD IN THE  
9 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING IF THE CIVIL ACTION IS BROUGHT  
10 WITHIN THE ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

11 (b) A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION HEARING A CIVIL  
12 ACTION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-201 THAT SEEKS PRELIMINARY  
13 RELIEF PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL GRANT  
14 PRELIMINARY RELIEF IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT:

15 (I) THE AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS  
16 REASONABLY LIKELY TO SUCCEED ON THE MERITS;

17 (II) THERE IS A DANGER OF IMMEDIATE AND IRREPARABLE INJURY,  
18 LOSS, OR DAMAGE THAT MAY BE PREVENTED BY GRANTING PRELIMINARY  
19 RELIEF; AND

20 (III) AN APPROPRIATE REMEDY TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION CAN  
21 BE IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO THE ELECTION IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT  
22 UNDULY DISRUPT THE ELECTION.

23 (2) (a) IF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION HEARING A CIVIL  
24 ACTION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-201 FINDS A VIOLATION OF THIS  
25 ARTICLE 47, THE COURT SHALL ORDER APPROPRIATE REMEDIES THAT ARE  
26 TAILORED TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION.

27 (b) THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER REMEDIES PROPOSED BY A PARTY



1 AND MAY CONSIDER REMEDIES PROPOSED BY INTERESTED NONPARTIES.  
2 THE COURT SHALL NOT PROVIDE DEFERENCE OR PRIORITY TO A REMEDY  
3 PROPOSED BY A DEFENDANT OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

4 (c) IN DETERMINING AN APPROPRIATE REMEDY, THE COURT SHALL  
5 CONSIDER HOW DISRUPTIVE THE REMEDY WILL BE TO STATE LAW, THE  
6 UNIFORM CONDUCT OF GENERAL, PRIMARY, OR COORDINATED ELECTIONS  
7 OR AN IMMINENT MUNICIPAL ELECTION, AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE  
8 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

9 (d) IF A PROVISION OF LAW OTHER THAN THIS ARTICLE 47 WOULD  
10 PRECLUDE AN OTHERWISE APPROPRIATE REMEDY, THE COURT MAY  
11 NONETHELESS ORDER A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO IMPLEMENT THE  
12 REMEDY THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THAT PROVISION OF LAW.

13 (e) A REMEDY ORDERED BY A COURT MUST NOT IMPEDE A  
14 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION'S OR THE STATE'S ABILITY TO VERIFY VOTER  
15 IDENTITY ON MAIL BALLOT ENVELOPES ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE  
16 PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992", THE  
17 "COLORADO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE OF 1965", AND RULES ADOPTED  
18 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

19 (3) IF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION HEARING A CIVIL  
20 ACTION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-47-201 FINDS A VIOLATION OF THIS  
21 ARTICLE 47, THE COURT MAY AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND  
22 COSTS TO THE PREVAILING PARTY; EXCEPT THAT, IF A POLITICAL  
23 SUBDIVISION IS THE PREVAILING PARTY, THE COURT MAY NOT AWARD FEES  
24 OR COSTS UNLESS THE COURT FINDS THE CIVIL ACTION TO BE FRIVOLOUS.

25 **1-47-207. Attorney general enforcement.** ENFORCEMENT BY THE  
26 ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS ARTICLE 47 OR RELATED LEGAL ACTIONS ARE  
27 BROUGHT SOLELY AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DISCRETION ON BEHALF

1 OF THE STATE. ACTIONS BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PURSUANT  
2 TO THIS ARTICLE 47 ARE BROUGHT UNDER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OWN  
3 AUTHORITY AND NOT ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

4 PART 3

5 STATEWIDE ELECTION INFORMATION

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7 **1-47-301. Election data collection and maintenance.**

8 (1) (a) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL COLLECT AND MAINTAIN THE  
9 FOLLOWING DATA IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT:

10 (I) ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF TOTAL POPULATION, VOTING AGE  
11 POPULATION, AND CITIZEN VOTING AGE POPULATION BY RACE, ETHNICITY,  
12 LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUP, AND DISABILITY STATUS FOR EACH  
13 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, WHICH ARE SPECIFIED AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL,  
14 IF AVAILABLE, OR THE DISTRICT OR COUNTY LEVEL AND WHICH ARE BASED  
15 ON INFORMATION FROM THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU, INCLUDING  
16 FROM THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, OR INFORMATION OF  
17 COMPARABLE QUALITY COLLECTED BY A PUBLIC ENTITY. THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-125, SHALL  
19 ANNUALLY PROVIDE THE REQUIRED ESTIMATES TO THE SECRETARY OF  
20 STATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE SHALL, TO THE EXTENT THAT  
21 SUCH DATA EXISTS, ANNUALLY PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL  
22 AFFAIRS WITH VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES IN THE FORM THAT SUCH  
23 DATA EXISTS.

24 (II) ELECTION RESULTS AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL, IF ANY, FOR  
25 STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ELECTIONS; AND

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27 (III) GEOCODED LOCATIONS OF VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING

1 CENTERS, POLLING LOCATIONS, BALLOT DROP BOXES, AND BALLOT  
2 DROP-OFF LOCATIONS FOR EACH ELECTION IN EACH POLITICAL  
3 SUBDIVISION, IF AVAILABLE, IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER OF DAYS AND  
4 HOURS THAT EACH VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER, POLLING  
5 LOCATION, OR BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATION IS OPEN.

6  
7 (b) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL RETAIN THE DATA DESCRIBED  
8 IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT IT  
9 IS AVAILABLE OR THE PRECEDING TWELVE YEARS AND SHALL MAINTAIN  
10 THE DATA ON AS CURRENT A BASIS AS IS POSSIBLE.

11 (c) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAKE THE DATA \_\_\_\_\_  
12 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE ON THE  
13 SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE IN AN ACCESSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE  
14 ELECTRONIC FORMAT; EXCEPT THAT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE VOTER  
15 INFORMATION THAT IS NOT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IS NOT PUBLISHED AND  
16 ACCESSIBLE.

17 **1-47-302. Submission of election data by political subdivisions.**

18 (1) AFTER THE CERTIFICATION OF AN ELECTION OF ANY POLITICAL  
19 SUBDIVISION, THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE ELECTION  
20 SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE FOLLOWING  
21 INFORMATION IN AN ACCESSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE FORMAT AS  
22 DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

23 (a) ELECTION RESULTS, SPECIFIED AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL IF  
24 AVAILABLE; AND

25 \_\_\_\_\_  
26 (b) ELECTION DISTRICT AND PRECINCT BOUNDARIES, IF AVAILABLE.

27 (2) THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE ELECTION

1 IS NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)  
2 OF THIS SECTION IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS ALREADY IN POSSESSION  
3 OF THE INFORMATION.

4 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAKE THE INFORMATION  
5 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE ON THE  
6 SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE IN AN ACCESSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE  
7 ELECTRONIC FORMAT.

8 (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE ADEQUATE  
9 TECHNOLOGICAL SECURITY MEASURES TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED  
10 ACCESS TO VOTER-RELATED RECORDS AND SHALL ESTABLISH ADEQUATE  
11 AND REASONABLE TECHNOLOGICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
12 EXCHANGE OR TRANSFER OF DATA.

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14 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **amend**  
15 (1)(i)(XXII) and (1)(i)(XXIII); and **add** (1)(i)(XXIV) as follows:

16 **24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general.** (1) The  
17 attorney general:

18 (i) May independently initiate and bring civil and criminal actions  
19 to enforce state laws, including actions brought pursuant to:

20 (XXII) Part 14 of article 12 of title 38; ~~and~~

21 (XXIII) Section 24-34-806; AND

22 (XXIV) THE "COLORADO VOTING RIGHTS ACT", ARTICLE 47 OF  
23 TITLE 1.

24 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-204, **repeal**  
25 (2)(a)(VI); and **add** (3)(a)(XXIV) as follows:

26 **24-72-204. Allowance or denial of inspection - grounds -**  
27 **procedure - appeal - definitions - repeal.** (2) (a) The custodian may

1 deny the right of inspection of the following records, unless otherwise  
2 provided by law, on the ground that disclosure to the applicant would be  
3 contrary to the public interest:

4 (VI) ~~Records and information relating to the identification of~~  
5 ~~persons filed with, maintained by, or prepared by the department of~~  
6 ~~revenue pursuant to section 42-2-121, C.R.S.;~~

7 (3) (a) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection of the  
8 following records, unless otherwise provided by law; except that the  
9 custodian shall make any of the following records, other than letters of  
10 reference concerning employment, licensing, or issuance of permits,  
11 available to the person in interest in accordance with this subsection (3):

12 (XXIV) RECORDS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE  
13 IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS FILED WITH, MAINTAINED BY, OR PREPARED  
14 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-2-121.

15 SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 16 to  
16 article 10 of title 31 as follows:

17 PART 16

18 MULTILINGUAL BALLOT ACCESS

19 31-10-1601. Legislative declaration - intent. (1) THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

21 (a) CONGRESS ENACTED THE LANGUAGE MINORITY PROVISIONS OF  
22 THE FEDERAL "VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965" BECAUSE "THROUGH THE  
23 USE OF VARIOUS PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES, CITIZENS OF LANGUAGE  
24 MINORITIES HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN  
25 THE ELECTORAL PROCESS...";

26 (b) BASED ON THE 2023 FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATES SPECIFIED IN THE  
27 UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY,

1 THERE ARE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED  
2 FIFTY-SEVEN ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN COLORADO WHO SPEAK ENGLISH  
3 "LESS THAN VERY WELL". AS OF THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AN  
4 ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR  
5 OF THOSE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS LIVE WITHIN A COUNTY THAT IS COVERED BY  
6 THE MULTILINGUAL BALLOT REQUIREMENTS OF HOUSE BILL 21-1011,  
7 ENACTED IN 2021. OUT OF AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE  
8 MUNICIPALITIES THAT EXIST WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY IN A COVERED  
9 COUNTY, AN ESTIMATED FIFTY-EIGHT MUNICIPALITIES COORDINATE THEIR  
10 ELECTIONS WITH THE COUNTY AND ELECTORS RECEIVE MULTILINGUAL  
11 BALLOT ACCESS. THE ESTIMATED REMAINING SEVENTY-THREE  
12 MUNICIPALITIES HOLD ELECTIONS INDEPENDENTLY AND THE ABILITY FOR  
13 ELECTORS TO ACCESS MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOTS IS CONTINGENT ON  
14 THE MUNICIPALITY INDEPENDENTLY OFFERING THESE RESOURCES.

15 (c) BY PASSING HOUSE BILL 21-1011, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
16 EXPANDED MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT ACCESS BEYOND FEDERAL  
17 REQUIREMENTS TO COVER ADDITIONAL COUNTIES AND DECLARED THAT  
18 ENSURING COLORADO CITIZENS HAVE ACCESS TO MINORITY LANGUAGE  
19 BALLOTS IS A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN;

20 (d) FOR ELECTORS IN COUNTIES COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS  
21 OF HOUSE BILL 21-1011, HOWEVER, THE ABILITY TO VOTE WITH A  
22 MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT IN A MUNICIPAL ELECTION IS CONTINGENT  
23 ON WHETHER THE MUNICIPALITY ALIGNS ITS ELECTION WITH A COUNTY,  
24 UNLESS THE MUNICIPALITY INDEPENDENTLY OFFERS ACCESS TO A  
25 MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT, AND ELECTORS SHOULD NOT BE DENIED  
26 ACCESS TO A MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT THAT THEY WOULD  
27 OTHERWISE HAVE ACCESS TO; AND

1           (e) COLORADO AGAIN HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE BALLOT  
2           ACCESSIBLE TO MORE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH  
3           MEANINGFUL ACCESS BY EXPANDING MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT  
4           ACCESS BEYOND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND THOSE ENACTED IN HOUSE  
5           BILL 21-1011.

6           (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT  
7           THE INTENT OF THIS PART 16 IS TO:

8           (a) ENSURE MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT ACCESS FOR ELECTORS  
9           IN MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY IN COUNTIES  
10           COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF HOUSE BILL 21-1011; AND

11           (b) EXPAND MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT ACCESS WITHOUT  
12           CHANGING OR REDUCING THE EXISTING RESPONSIBILITIES PURSUANT TO  
13           SECTION 203 OF THE "VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965" AND PART 9 OF  
14           ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 1.

15           **31-10-1602. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 16, UNLESS THE  
16           CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

17           (1) "MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT" MEANS A BALLOT THAT IS  
18           FULLY TRANSLATED INTO A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH. THE  
19           CONTENT OF A "MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT" MAY BE IN ONLY A  
20           LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH OR BOTH ENGLISH AND A LANGUAGE  
21           OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

22           (2) "MINORITY LANGUAGE SAMPLE BALLOT" MEANS A DOCUMENT  
23           THAT IS AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO HELP THEM PREPARE FOR  
24           AN ELECTION THAT CONTAINS ALL CANDIDATES, QUESTIONS, AND  
25           INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING, AND IS FULLY TRANSLATED INTO A LANGUAGE  
26           OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

27           (3) "QUALIFIED TRANSLATOR" MEANS A TRANSLATOR WHO IS

1 DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO:

2 (a) BE SCREENED AND TESTED FOR PROFICIENCY IN BOTH WRITTEN  
3 ENGLISH AND THE TARGET LANGUAGE WITH AFFILIATION OR  
4 ACCREDITATION BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ASSOCIATION OF  
5 TRANSLATORS OR HAVE OTHER CREDENTIALS OR CERTIFICATIONS THAT  
6 ARE COMPARABLE TO OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS USED BY A NATIONALLY  
7 RECOGNIZED ASSOCIATION OF TRANSLATORS; AND

8 (b) PRODUCE TRANSLATIONS THAT ARE LINGUISTICALLY  
9 ACCURATE, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE, AND TECHNICALLY CONSISTENT  
10 WITH THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

11 **31-10-1603. Multilingual ballot access - general provisions -**

12 **clerks.** (1) IF A MUNICIPALITY EXISTS PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY WITHIN A  
13 COUNTY COVERED BY THE MULTILINGUAL BALLOT REQUIREMENTS OF  
14 SECTION 1-5-905 (1) AND THE MUNICIPALITY HAS A POPULATION OF AT  
15 LEAST THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE, A CLERK IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE  
16 MULTILINGUAL BALLOT ACCESS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS FOR ANY  
17 MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027:

18 (a) ENSURING THAT EACH BALLOT AND SAMPLE BALLOT INCLUDES  
19 ALL BALLOT CONTENT IN ENGLISH AND ALL BALLOT CONTENT FULLY  
20 TRANSLATED INTO ANY MINORITY LANGUAGE FOR WHICH A MINORITY  
21 LANGUAGE SAMPLE OR IN-PERSON BALLOT IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
22 SECTION 1-5-906 FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY  
23 PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY EXISTS; OR

24 (b) CREATING A MINORITY LANGUAGE SAMPLE BALLOT PURSUANT  
25 TO SECTION 31-10-1604 AND PROVIDING AN IN-PERSON MINORITY  
26 LANGUAGE BALLOT PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-10-1605.


27 (2) THE CLERK SHALL ENSURE THAT ANY TRANSLATION PROVIDED




1 AS REQUIRED BY THIS PART 16 IS PERFORMED BY ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED  
2 TRANSLATORS.

3 **31-10-1604. Minority language sample ballots - clerks - mail**  
4 **ballot elections. (1) UNLESS A CLERK PROVIDES MULTILINGUAL BALLOT**  
5 **ACCESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-10-1603 (1)(a), THE CLERK OF ANY**  
6 **MUNICIPALITY THAT SATISFIES THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION**  
7 **31-10-1603 (1) SHALL CREATE A MINORITY LANGUAGE SAMPLE BALLOT IN**  
8 **ANY MINORITY LANGUAGE FOR WHICH A MINORITY LANGUAGE SAMPLE**  
9 **BALLOT IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-906 FOR THE COUNTY IN**  
10 **WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY EXISTS.**

11 **(2) THE MINORITY LANGUAGE SAMPLE BALLOT MUST INCLUDE ALL**  
12 **OF THE SAME CONTENT THAT IS ON THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BALLOT.**

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14 **(3) THE CLERK SHALL MAKE THE MINORITY LANGUAGE SAMPLE**  
15 **BALLOT AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO ELECTORS ON THE**  
16 **MUNICIPALITY'S WEBSITE AND AT POLLING PLACES MUNICIPALITY-WIDE,**  
17 **IF USED. FOR AN ELECTION USING MAIL BALLOTS, THE CLERK SHALL**  
18 **NOTIFY ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY VIA THE MAIL**  
19 **BALLOT PACKET AND IN EACH LANGUAGE IN WHICH A MINORITY**  
20 **LANGUAGE SAMPLE BALLOT WILL BE CREATED THAT A MINORITY**  
21 **LANGUAGE SAMPLE BALLOT IS AVAILABLE.**

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23 **31-10-1605. In-person minority language ballot - clerks -**  
24 **polling places. (1) UNLESS A CLERK PROVIDES MULTILINGUAL BALLOT**  
25 **ACCESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-10-1603 (1)(a), THE CLERK OF ANY**  
26 **MUNICIPALITY THAT SATISFIES THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION**  
27 **31-10-1603 (1) SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE**

1 LOCATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY IS EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE, UPON THE  
2 REQUEST OF A QUALIFIED ELECTOR, AN IN-PERSON MINORITY LANGUAGE  
3 BALLOT IN ANY MINORITY LANGUAGE FOR WHICH A MINORITY LANGUAGE  
4 BALLOT IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-906 FOR THE COUNTY IN  
5 WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY EXISTS. IF THE  
6 MUNICIPALITY ESTABLISHES A POLLING PLACE FOR AN ELECTION, THE  
7 CLERK SHALL ENSURE THAT THE POLLING PLACE IS EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE,  
8 UPON THE REQUEST OF A VOTER, AN IN-PERSON MINORITY LANGUAGE  
9 BALLOT.

10 (2) AN IN-PERSON MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT OPTION MUST BE  
11 A BALLOT ON DEMAND, A BALLOT FROM A PRINTED STOCK OF BALLOTS, OR  
12 A BALLOT VIA A VOTING DEVICE AND MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE SAME  
13 CONTENT THAT IS ON THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BALLOT.

14   
15 (3) FOR AN ELECTION USING MAIL BALLOTS, THE CLERK SHALL  
16 NOTIFY ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY VIA THE MAIL  
17 BALLOT PACKET AND IN EACH LANGUAGE IN WHICH THE IN-PERSON  
18 MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT OPTION WILL BE AVAILABLE THAT ELECTORS  
19 MAY REQUEST AN IN-PERSON MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT AND WHERE  
20 THE ELECTOR MAY REQUEST THE IN-PERSON MINORITY LANGUAGE BALLOT.

21 **31-10-1606. Coordination with counties.** MUNICIPALITIES MAY  
22 COORDINATE ELECTIONS WITH COUNTIES TO COLLABORATE ON COMPLYING  
23 WITH THE MULTILINGUAL BALLOT REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 16 AND  
24 PART 9 OF ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 1.

25 **SECTION 15. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal  
26 year, \$75,432 is appropriated to the department of state for use by the  
27 elections division. This appropriation is from the department of state cash

1 fund created in section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act,  
2 the division may use this appropriation as follows:

3 (a) \$60,812 for personal services, which amount is based on an  
4 assumption that the division will require an additional 1.0 FTE; and

5 (b) \$14,620 for operating expenses.

6 **SECTION 16. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
7 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
8 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
9 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant  
10 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an  
11 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
12 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
13 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take  
14 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the  
15 governor.

16 (2) This act applies to elections and election-related activities  
17 occurring on or after January 1, 2026.