

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 23, 2026
Date

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1113 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, line 3, after "(19.5)(a)(VII)," insert
2 "(49.3)(c),".

3 Page 5, after line 8, insert:

4 "(49.3) (c) "Term of imprisonment" or "full term of
5 imprisonment" does not include the period during which an individual is
6 on parole OR IS SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 CORRECTIONS PURSUANT TO A TRANSITIONAL STATUS CLASSIFICATION,
8 INCLUDING AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLES 27 AND 34 OF TITLE 18, WITHOUT
9 REGARD TO WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL CURRENTLY RESIDES IN
10 STATE-ADMINISTERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OR HAS A NONRESIDENTIAL
11 TRANSITIONAL STATUS."

12 Page 6, after line 21 insert:

13 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-108, **amend** (1)
14 as follows:

15 **1-1-108. Copies of election laws and manual provided.**

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

20 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

21 Page 7, after line 2 insert:

1 **"SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-103, **amend** (4)
2 as follows:

3 **1-2-103. Military service - students - inmates - persons with**
4 **behavioral or mental health disorders - confinement.**

5 (4) No person while serving a sentence of detention or
6 confinement in a correctional facility, jail, or other location for a felony
7 conviction is eligible to register to vote or to vote in any election. A
8 confined prisoner who is awaiting trial but has not been tried or who is
9 not serving a sentence for a felony conviction shall be certified by the
10 institutional administrator, may register to vote pursuant to this article 2,
11 and may list ~~his or her~~ THE PRISONER'S confinement location as ~~his or her~~
12 THEIR ballot address in accordance with section 1-2-204 (2)(f.3). An
13 individual serving a sentence of parole OR SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION
14 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PURSUANT TO A TRANSITIONAL
15 STATUS CLASSIFICATION, INCLUDING AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLES 27 AND 34
16 OF TITLE 18, WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL CURRENTLY
17 RESIDES IN A STATE-ADMINISTERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OR HAS A
18 NONRESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONAL STATUS, is eligible to register to vote and
19 to vote in any election."

20 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

21 Page 7, line 4, strike "(1)(d) and (1)(e)" and substitute "(1)(d), (1)(e), and
22 (3)".

23 Page 9, after line 5, insert:

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

27 (b) PRIOR TO SENDING AN EMAIL REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1)(c)
28 OR (1)(d) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR POSTING A SIGN PURSUANT TO
29 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
30 EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE ELECTION-SPECIFIC CONTENT OF THE
31 EMAIL OR SIGN TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FOR THE COUNTY
32 IN WHICH THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS LOCATED."

33 Page 10, after line 16 insert:

34 **"SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-301, **add** (7) as
35 follows:

36 **1-2-301. Centralized statewide registration system - secretary**
37 **of state to maintain computerized statewide voter registration list -**

1 **county computer records - agreement to match information -**
2 **definition.**

3 (7) (a) THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM MUST
4 SUPPORT THE INTEGRATION AND USE OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
5 SYSTEM DATA TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY, CONSISTENCY, AND
6 RELIABILITY OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS.

7 (b) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY INCORPORATE GEOGRAPHIC
8 INFORMATION SYSTEM FUNCTIONALITY INTO THE STATEWIDE VOTER
9 REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO:

10 (I) VALIDATE AND MAINTAIN VOTER RESIDENTIAL AND MAILING
11 ADDRESS INFORMATION USING SPATIAL DATA, PARCEL DATA, OR OTHER
12 GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE LAYERS;

13 (II) IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF PRECINCT, DISTRICT, AND
14 JURISDICTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS;

15 (III) SUPPORT TIMELY AND ACCURATE IMPLEMENTATION OF
16 DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES RESULTING FROM REDISTRICTING OR OTHER
17 LAWFUL ADJUSTMENTS; AND

18 (IV) REDUCE UNDELIVERABLE ELECTION MAIL, IMPROVE MAIL
19 BALLOT DELIVERY EFFICIENCY, AND MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR CORRECTIVE
20 OR REPLACEMENT BALLOTS.

21 (c) GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA USED UNDER THIS
22 SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE VOTER ELIGIBILITY,
23 CHALLENGE A VOTER'S REGISTRATION, OR RESTRICT A REGISTERED
24 ELECTOR'S RIGHT TO VOTE.

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

29 (e) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE STATEWIDE
30 VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM FULLY IMPLEMENT GEOGRAPHIC
31 INFORMATION SYSTEM FUNCTIONALITY AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS
32 SUBSECTION (7) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2029."

33 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

34 Page 13, line 15, strike "vote." and substitute "vote, OR PROHIBITS THE
35 SECRETARY OF STATE FROM REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM A COUNTY
36 CLERK AND RECORDER TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES DESCRIBED IN THIS
37 SUBSECTION (7).".

38 Page 14, line 4, after "PARTY." insert "ANY VOTE FOR A SUCCESSOR
39 CANDIDATE IS NOT A VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-13-725".

1 Page 16, after line 5 insert:

2 "SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 1-4-403 as
3 follows:

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

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

10 (2) Petitions must be filed by 5 p.m. on the ~~twentieth~~ TENTH day
11 ~~after the date of the order issued by the governor~~ BEFORE THE DEADLINE
12 FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CERTIFY THE BALLOT CONTENT FOR THE
13 ELECTION."

14 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

15 Page 17, line 12, after "ELECTION," insert "CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY
16 ELECTION,".

17 Page 17, line 23, strike "requirements." and substitute "requirements, OR
18 OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE OBJECTIVELY VERIFIABLE SUCH AS AGE,
19 PLACE OF BIRTH, TERM LIMITS, OR PARTY AFFILIATION.".

20 Page 18, after line 12 insert:

21 "SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-802, amend
22 (1) introductory portion and (1)(f)(I) as follows:

23 **1-4-802. Petitions for nominating minor political party and**
24 **unaffiliated candidates for a partisan office.**

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

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

1 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-904, **amend** (3)
2 as follows:

3 **1-4-904. Signatures on the petitions.**

4 (3) Unless physically unable, all electors shall sign their own
5 signature and shall print their names, their 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 shall be made, to the
8 extent possible, in black ink.

9 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1001, **add** (3)
10 as follows:

11 **1-4-1001. Withdrawal or disqualification from candidacy.**

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

15 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1002, **amend**
16 (3)(a) and (3)(b)(IV) as follows:

17 **1-4-1002. Vacancies in major party designation up to the**
18 **sixty-eighth day before primary election day.**

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

29 (b) (IV) If the vacancy committee fails to ~~timely~~ certify a selection
30 WITHIN TWENTY CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY OCCURS,
31 OR SIXTY-SIX DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION,
32 WHICHEVER IS SOONER, the state chair of the party of the candidate whose
33 declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy,
34 within seven days, shall fill the vacancy by appointing a person who
35 meets all of the requirements of candidacy as of the date of the
36 appointment and who is affiliated with the same political party shown in
37 the statewide voter registration system as the candidate whose
38 declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy.
39 The name of the person appointed by the state chair must be certified to
40 the secretary of state OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.

41 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1003, **amend**
42 (3)(a), (3)(b)(IV), and (3)(c)(I) as follows:

43 **1-4-1003. Vacancies in major party designation occurring**

1 **between the sixty-seventh day before a primary election and the**
2 **earliest day to mail primary election ballots.**

3 (3) (a) No vacancy committee called to fill a vacancy pursuant to
4 this section may select a person to fill a vacancy at a meeting held for that
5 purpose unless a written notice announcing the time and location of the
6 vacancy committee meeting was mailed to each of the committee
7 members within ~~five~~ TEN calendar days ~~of the chairperson of the central~~
8 ~~committee learning of~~ FROM THE DATE the vacancy OCCURS. Mailing of
9 the notice is effective when the notice is properly addressed and deposited
10 in the United States mail, with first-class postage prepaid. In addition to
11 this mailing, the chairperson of the central committee may also contact
12 the committee members by electronic mail.

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

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

31 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1004, **amend**
32 (3)(a), (3)(b)(IV), (3)(c)(I), and (4)(b) as follows:

33 **1-4-1004. Vacancies in major party designation occurring**
34 **from the day after the earliest day to mail primary election ballots**
35 **through primary election day.**

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

1 the mailing, the chairperson of the central committee may also contact
2 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 FIVE DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS
6 SOONER, the state chair of the party of the candidate whose declination,
7 death, disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy, within seven
8 days, shall fill the vacancy by appointing a person who meets all of the
9 requirements of candidacy as of the date of the appointment and who is
10 affiliated with the same political party shown in the statewide voter
11 registration system as the candidate whose declination, death,
12 disqualification, or withdrawal caused the vacancy. The name of the
13 person appointed by the state chair must be certified to the secretary of
14 state OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL.

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

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

24 (b) Votes cast for the candidate who vacated the designation must
25 be counted as votes for the replacement candidate IF A REPLACEMENT
26 CANDIDATE HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE
27 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY
28 ELECTION.

29 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1005, **amend**
30 (3)(a), (3)(b)(IV), and (3)(c)(I) as follows:

31 **1-4-1005. Vacancies in major party nomination occurring**
32 **from the day after primary election day through the earliest day to**
33 **mail general election ballots.**

34 (3) (a) No vacancy committee called to fill a vacancy pursuant to
35 this section may select a person to fill a vacancy at a meeting held for that
36 purpose unless a written notice announcing the time and location of the
37 vacancy committee meeting was mailed to each of the committee
38 members within ~~five~~ TEN calendar days ~~of the chairperson of the central~~
39 ~~committee learning of~~ FROM THE DATE the vacancy OCCURS. Mailing of
40 the notice is effective when the notice is properly addressed and deposited
41 in the United States mail, with first-class postage prepaid. In addition to
42 the mailing, the chairperson of the central committee may also contact
43 committee members by electronic mail.

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

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 such
19 ~~certification~~ DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE must in all cases be
20 submitted no later than the ~~sixty-fourth~~ day before the date of the general
21 election.

22 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1006, **amend**
23 (2) as follows:

24 **1-4-1006. Vacancies in major party nomination occurring**
25 **from the day after the earliest day to mail general election ballots**
26 **through general election day.**

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

33 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-1007 as
34 follows:

35 **1-4-1007. Vacancies in minor party designation or nomination.**

36 Any vacancy in a nomination for a minor political party candidate
37 occurring after the filing of the certificate of designation pursuant to
38 section 1-4-1304 (3) and no later than seventy days before the general or
39 congressional vacancy election, which is caused by the declination, death,
40 disqualification, or withdrawal of any person nominated by the minor
41 political party, may be filled by the person or persons designated in the
42 constitution or bylaws of the minor political party to fill vacancies. THE
43 DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PERSON SELECTED TO FILL THE

1 VACANCY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL
2 NO LATER THAN THE SIXTY-FOURTH DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF THE
3 GENERAL ELECTION.

4 **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 1-4-1008** as
5 follows:

6 **1-4-1008. Vacancies in unaffiliated designation or nomination.**

7 Any vacancy in a nomination for an unaffiliated candidate caused
8 by the declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal of any person
9 nominated by petition or statement of intent occurring after the filing of
10 the petition for nomination and no later than seventy days before the
11 general or congressional vacancy election may be filled by the person or
12 persons designated on the petition or statement of intent to fill vacancies.
13 THE DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PERSON SELECTED TO FILL
14 THE VACANCY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION
15 OFFICIAL NO LATER THAN THE SIXTY-FOURTH DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF
16 THE GENERAL ELECTION.

17 **SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1203, **amend**
18 **(4)(a)** as follows:

19 **1-4-1203. Presidential primary elections - when - conduct.**

20 (4) (a) A ballot used in a presidential primary election must only
21 contain the names of candidates for the office of the president of the
22 United States of America. The ballot shall not be used for the purpose of
23 presenting any other issue or question to the electorate unless expressly
24 authorized by law; EXCEPT THAT, A CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION
25 MAY BE PRESENTED ON THE SAME BALLOT USED IN A PRESIDENTIAL
26 PRIMARY IF THE CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTION IS HELD ON THE
27 SAME DAY AS THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PURSUANT TO SECTION
28 1-4-401."

29 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

30 Page 22, after line 4 insert:

31 **"SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-404, **repeal (3)**
32 **as follows:**

33 **1-5-404. Arrangement of names on ballots for partisan**
34 **elections.**

35 ~~(3) The arrangement of names on ballots for congressional~~
36 ~~vacancy elections shall be established by lot at any time prior to the~~
37 ~~certification of ballots for the congressional vacancy election. The officer~~
38 ~~in receipt of the original designation, nomination, or petition of each~~
39 ~~candidate shall inform the major political parties, each minor political~~
40 ~~party, and the representatives of each political organization on file with~~

1 ~~the secretary of state of the time and place of the lot-drawing for the~~
2 ~~congressional election ballot. Ballot positions shall be assigned to the~~
3 ~~major political party, minor political party, or political organization in the~~
4 ~~order in which they are drawn.~~

5 **SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-905, **amend** (2)
6 as follows:

7 **1-5-905. Multilingual ballot access - general provisions -**
8 **requirements of secretary of state - county clerks.**

9 (2) The secretary of state shall determine which counties in the
10 state are required to provide multilingual ballot access and, therefore, are
11 required to create a minority language sample ballot pursuant to section
12 1-5-906 and provide an in-person minority language ballot pursuant to
13 section 1-5-907. The secretary of state shall make such determination
14 based on information provided in the most recent five-year estimates
15 specified in the United States bureau of the census American community
16 survey or comparable census data. The secretary of state shall notify the
17 county clerk of any county that is required to provide a minority language
18 sample ballot pursuant to section 1-5-906 and provide an in-person
19 minority language ballot pursuant to section 1-5-907 on or before January
20 5, 2022, and on or before January 5 of each even year AND A YEAR
21 FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF SECTION 203 DATA BY THE FEDERAL
22 GOVERNMENT thereafter. In addition, on or before January 5, 2022, and
23 on or before January 5 of each even year OR A YEAR FOLLOWING THE
24 RELEASE OF SECTION 203 DATA BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT thereafter,
25 the secretary of state shall post a list on the secretary's website of all
26 counties that are required to provide a minority language sample ballot
27 pursuant to section 1-5-906 and provide an in-person minority language
28 ballot pursuant to section 1-5-907."

29 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

30 Page 23, line 19, after "~~subdivision~~" insert "**may**".

31 Page 23, line 21, strike "**may**," and substitute "**MUST**".

32 Page 24, line 17, strike "**SYSTEM.**" and substitute "**SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO**
33 **THE RULES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**".

34 Page 29, lines 13 and 14, strike "**THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WRITTEN**
35 **WAIT TIME POLICY DOCUMENT.**" and substitute "**RULES ADOPTED BY THE**
36 **SECRETARY OF STATE.**".

37 Page 30, after line 1 insert:

1 "(III) THE NUMBER OF VOTER CHECK-IN STATIONS AND THE
2 NUMBER OF ELECTION JUDGES STAFFING THOSE STATIONS;".

3 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

4 Page 30, lines 2 and 3, strike "ELECTRONIC OR ELECTROMECHANICAL
5 VOTING SYSTEMS" and substitute "BALLOT MARKING DEVICES AND BALLOT
6 ON DEMAND SYSTEMS".

7 Page 30, line 15, strike "THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SCHEDULE A
8 PUBLIC".

9 Page 30, strike lines 16 through 21.

10 Page 32, after line 1 insert:

11 "**SECTION 47.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and**
12 **reenact, with amendments,** 1-7-307 as follows:

13 **1-7-307. Method of counting paper ballots.**

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

19 (2) EACH BALLOT MUST BE COUNTED BY A TEAM OF FOUR
20 ELECTION JUDGES. ONE JUDGE MUST AUDIBLY READ EVERY MARK ON THE
21 BALLOT, WHILE A SEPARATE JUDGE OBSERVES THIS READING AND ASSISTS
22 IN DETERMINING VOTER INTENT, WHEN NECESSARY. TWO OTHER ELECTION
23 JUDGES MUST EACH MAKE ENTRIES ON TWO SEPARATE ACCOUNTING
24 FORMS FOR EACH AUDIBLY READ VOTE. THE SEPARATE ACCOUNTING
25 FORMS MUST BE COMPARED AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND ANY
26 DISCREPANCIES NOTED ON THE SEPARATE FORMS MUST BE ACCOUNTED
27 FOR UNTIL AN ACCURATE COUNT OF ALL BALLOTS COMPARED CAN BE
28 DETERMINED.

29 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ADOPT RULES IN ACCORDANCE
30 WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24 AS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE
31 THIS SECTION."

32 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

33 Page 33, strike lines 6 through 17 and substitute:

34 "(d) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL RELEASE THE INFORMATION

1 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (1.3)(a) AND (1.3)(b) OF THIS SECTION FOR
2 EACH VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER DESCRIBED IN AN ELECTION
3 PLAN SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION NO
4 LATER THAN AUGUST 1 FOR EACH VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER."

5 Page 40, after line 12 insert:

6 "SECTION 55. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-108, amend
7 (5)(c) as follows:

8 **1-12-108. Petition requirements - approval as to form -**
9 **determination of sufficiency - protest - offenses.**

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

22 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

23 Page 41, line 21, after "ELECTION," insert "OR FOR COUNTY
24 COMMISSIONER OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCIES, UNTIL THE NEXT
25 REGULARLY SCHEDULED COORDINATED OR GENERAL ELECTION,
26 WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE,".

27 Page 43, after line 17 insert:

28 "SECTION 62. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-40-111, amend
29 (1)(b) as follows:

30 **1-40-111. Notice of circulation - signatures - affidavits -**
31 **notarization - list of circulators and notaries.**

32 (1) (b) Any initiative or referendum petition shall be signed only
33 by registered electors who are eligible to vote on the measure. Each
34 registered elector shall sign their own signature and shall print their name,
35 the address at which they reside, including the street number and name,
36 the city and town, ~~the county~~, and the date of signing. The circulator of
37 a petition shall encourage each registered elector signing a petition to sign

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

10 **SECTION 63.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-40-116, **amend**
11 (2) as follows:

12 **1-40-116. Validation - ballot issues - random sampling - rules.**

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

25 **SECTION 64.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-40-118, **amend**
26 (1) as follows:

27 **1-40-118. Protest.** (1) A protest in writing, under oath, together
28 with three copies thereof, may be filed in the district court for the county
29 in which the petition has been filed by some registered elector, within
30 fifteen days after the secretary of state issues a statement as to whether the
31 petition has a sufficient number of valid signatures, which statement must
32 be issued no later than ~~thirty~~ SIXTY calendar days after the petition has
33 been filed; EXCEPT THAT, A STATEMENT MUST BE ISSUED NO LATER THAN
34 THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DEADLINE TO FILE A PETITION FOR
35 THAT PETITION TO APPEAR ON THE UPCOMING BALLOT. If the secretary of
36 state fails to issue a statement ~~within thirty calendar days~~ BY THE
37 DEADLINE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, the petition is deemed sufficient.
38 Regardless of whether the secretary of state has issued a statement of
39 sufficiency or if the petition is deemed sufficient because the secretary of
40 state has failed to issue a statement of sufficiency within thirty calendar
41 days, no further agency action is necessary for the district court to have
42 jurisdiction to consider the protest. During the period a petition is being
43 examined by the secretary of state for sufficiency, the petition shall not

1 be available to the public; except that such period must not exceed ~~thirty~~
2 ~~calendar days~~ THE DEADLINE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. Immediately
3 after the secretary of state issues a statement of sufficiency or, if the
4 petition is deemed sufficient because the secretary of state has failed to
5 issue the statement, ~~after thirty calendar days~~ BY THE DEADLINE REQUIRED
6 BY THIS SECTION, the secretary of state shall make the petition available
7 to the public for copying upon request."

8 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

9 Strike "DELIVERY." and substitute "DELIVERY, OR BY THE MOST EXPEDIENT
10 METHOD AVAILABLE FOR OVERSEAS AND MILITARY VOTERS.". **Page 35,**
11 lines 3 and 21; **Page 36,** line 14.

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