

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 5, 2026
Date

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

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

SB26-047 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 6, strike the second "general" and
2 substitute "~~general~~ REGULAR".

3 Page 2, line 7, strike "or" and substitute "~~or~~".

4 Page 2, lines 8 through 10, strike "election AS DEFINED IN SECTION
5 1-12-100.5 (7.5), SO LONG AS AN ELECTION HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY
6 OF NOVEMBER IN AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR QUALIFIES AS A" and
7 substitute "election, OR".

8 Page 2, after line 11 insert:

9 **"SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-5-206, **amend**
10 (1) as follows:

11 **29-5-206. Vote of the citizens to obligate a public employer to**
12 **engage in collective bargaining.**

13 (1) If a petition signed by at least five percent of the number of
14 persons who voted in the last ~~general~~ REGULAR municipal election,
15 general district election, or the total votes of each party's general election
16 in the case of a fire authority, unless petition requirements are otherwise
17 outlined by city charter or local ordinance, asks the public employer to
18 engage in collective bargaining with a named employee organization, the
19 public employer shall place on the ballot at the next general election the
20 following question for a yes or no vote: "Should the firefighters employed
21 by the [name of the public employer] be covered by the 'Colorado
22 Firefighter Safety Act'?" If a majority of the registered electors voting on
23 this question vote "yes", the public employer is obligated to engage in
24 collective bargaining pursuant to this part 2, and the employee

1 organization named in the petition becomes the exclusive representative
2 of the firefighters of that public employer. If a majority of the registered
3 electors voting on this question vote "no", the public employer will not be
4 obligated to engage in collective bargaining under this part 2, and the
5 meet and confer process in section 29-5-205 will continue to apply to that
6 public employer."

7 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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