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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN ALIGNMENT OF CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY DEADLINES  
102 AFFECTING PRECINCT CAUCUSES UNDER THE "UNIFORM  
103 ELECTION CODE OF 1992".

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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>.)*

**Section 1** of the bill clarifies that any elector who has preregistered to vote who is 17 years of age on the date of a precinct caucus and who will be 18 years of age on the date of the next general election may either vote at any caucus, assembly, or convention or be elected as a delegate to any assembly or convention even though the elector has been affiliated

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

with the political party for less than 22 days.

**Section 2** changes the period a candidate for precinct committeeperson must have been a resident of the precinct from 30 days to 22 days before the caucus. The bill also changes the period during which such candidate must have been affiliated with the political party from 2 months to 22 days before the caucus. An exception to these requirements in current law specifies that any person who has attained the age of 18 years or who has become a naturalized citizen during the 2 months immediately preceding the precinct caucus may be a candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson even though the individual has been affiliated with the political party for less than 2 months. The bill changes each of these 2-month deadlines to 22 days.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-101, **amend**  
3 (1)(a) as follows:

4           **1-3-101. Party affiliation required - residence.** (1) (a) In order  
5 to vote at any precinct caucus, assembly, or convention of a political  
6 party, the elector must be a resident of the precinct for twenty-two days,  
7 must be registered to vote no later than twenty-two days before the  
8 caucus, assembly, or convention, and must be affiliated with the political  
9 party holding the caucus, assembly, or convention for at least twenty-two  
10 days as shown in the statewide voter registration system; except that any  
11 registered elector who has attained the age of eighteen years or who has  
12 become a naturalized citizen during the twenty-two days immediately  
13 preceding the meeting may vote at any caucus, assembly, or convention  
14 even though the elector has been affiliated with the political party for less  
15 than twenty-two days. ~~A~~ ANY preregistrant who is seventeen years of age  
16 on the date of a caucus and who will be eighteen years of age on the date  
17 of the next general election may EITHER vote at ~~the~~ ANY caucus,  
18 ASSEMBLY, OR CONVENTION OR BE ELECTED AS A DELEGATE TO ANY  
19 ASSEMBLY OR CONVENTION EVEN THOUGH THE ELECTOR HAS BEEN

1 AFFILIATED WITH THE POLITICAL PARTY FOR LESS THAN TWENTY-TWO  
2 DAYS.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-102, **amend**  
4 (2)(a) as follows:

5 **1-3-102. Precinct caucuses.** (2) (a) The participants at the  
6 precinct caucus shall also elect two precinct committeepersons. Any  
7 person eighteen years of age or older may be a candidate for the office of  
8 precinct committeeperson if he or she has been a resident of the precinct  
9 for ~~thirty~~ TWENTY-TWO days and has been affiliated with the political  
10 party holding the precinct caucus for a period of at least ~~two months~~  
11 TWENTY-TWO DAYS preceding the date of the precinct caucus; except that  
12 any person who has attained the age of eighteen years or who has become  
13 a naturalized citizen during the ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO DAYS  
14 immediately preceding the precinct caucus may be a candidate for the  
15 office of precinct committeeperson even though he or she has been  
16 affiliated with the political party for less than ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO  
17 DAYS as shown in the statewide voter registration system. The two people  
18 receiving the highest number of votes at the caucus for precinct  
19 committeeperson are elected as the precinct committeepersons of the  
20 precinct. If two or more candidates for precinct committeeperson receive  
21 an equal and the second highest number of votes, or if three or more  
22 candidates receive an equal and the highest number of votes, the election  
23 must be determined by lot by those candidates. All disputes regarding the  
24 election of precinct committeepersons are determined by the credentials  
25 committees of the respective party assemblies. The names of the  
26 committeepersons elected must be certified to the county assembly of the  
27 political party by the officers of the caucus. The county assembly shall

1 ratify the list of committeepersons. The presiding officer and secretary of  
2 the county assembly shall file a certified list of the names and addresses,  
3 by precinct, of those persons elected as precinct committeepersons with  
4 the county clerk and recorder within four days after the date of the county  
5 assembly.

6 **SECTION 3. Applicability.** This act applies to any precinct  
7 caucus held on or after the effective date of this act.

8 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.