

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado;

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 46 to title 1 as follows:

ARTICLE 46 DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS.

1-46-101. **SHORT TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- (1) THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "DEMOCRACY VOUCHER ACT".
- (2) THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE WILL BE JANUARY 1ST, 2022.

1-46-102. **DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 46, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:**

- (1) "CANDIDATE REPRESENTATIVE" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL WORKING FOR OR VOLUNTEERING FOR A SPECIFIC CANDIDATE.
- (2) "DEMOCRACY VOUCHER" MEANS NON-TRANSFERABLE VOUCHERS USED ONLY FOR DONATIONS TO CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES FOR COLORADO POLITICAL CANDIDATES.
- (3) "NON-TRANSFERABLE VOUCHER" MEANS VOUCHERS BELONGING TO ONE PERSON THAT CANNOT BE GIVEN TO ANOTHER PERSON OR USED BY THEM.
- (4) "QUALIFIED CANDIDATE" MEANS CANDIDATES THAT HAVE FILED A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE WITH THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR UNITED STATES SENATE OR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE FOR GOVERNOR OR COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1-46-103. **RULEMAKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE POWER.**

- (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO PROMULGATE RULES TO FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE VOUCHERS PROGRAM.

1-46-104. **VOUCHER LANGUAGE AND LAYOUT.**

- (1) EACH DEMOCRACY VOUCHER SHALL STATE THE HOLDER'S NAME, A UNIQUE VOUCHER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, THE ELECTION YEAR, AND BLANK SPACES FOR THE HOLDER TO DESIGNATE A CANDIDATE AND SIGN THE HOLDER'S NAME AND DATE THE VOUCHER, AND MAY INCLUDE INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE DEEMS HELPFUL FOR VERIFYING SIGNATURES SUCH AS THE VOTER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND BARCODE.
- (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE SHALL CREATE THE FORMAT OF THE DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS.

1-46-104. **DISBURSEMENT.**

- (1) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PROVIDE DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS, INSTRUCTION CARDS, AND OTHER NECESSARY SUPPLIES IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER ELECTION SUPPLIES ARE PROVIDED FOR IN ALL ELECTIONS AND WITHOUT COST TO ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.
- (2) DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS WILL CONSIST OF TEN VOUCHERS VALUED AT FIVE DOLLARS EACH FOR A TOTAL OF FIFTY DOLLARS EACH ODD YEAR.
- (3) DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS WILL CONSIST OF TEN VOUCHERS VALUED AT TEN DOLLARS EACH FOR A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH EVEN YEAR.
- (4) DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS WILL BE MAILED TO EACH COLORADO REGISTERED ELECTOR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31ST OF EACH YEAR.
- (5) ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR OF COLORADO WHO RESIDES MORE THAN 30 DAYS IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR, MAY OPT IN TO THE PROGRAM AND OBTAIN AN

EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS BY APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE.

- (6) ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR OF COLORADO MAY REQUEST DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS BE MAILED TO AN ADDRESS OTHER THAN THAT INDICATED IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, OR BE DELIVERED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE, AS SOON AS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE SHALL HAVE DEVELOPED A SECURE SYSTEM FOR SUCH DISTRIBUTIONS OF DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION IN PERSON OR TO AN ADDRESS NOT LISTED IN VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS.
- (7) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE SHALL CREATE A DISBURSEMENT METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING ALL DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS NOT DISTRIBUTED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION 1-46-104.
- (8) NO RESIDENT OUTSIDE COLORADO, NO CORPORATION OR OTHER NON-NATURAL PERSON, AND NO PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, MAY RECEIVE A DEMOCRACY VOUCHER.
- (9) DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS WILL EXPIRE NOVEMBER 30TH OF EACH EVEN YEAR.

1-46-105. DONATION PROCESS.

- (1) VOUCHERS ARE ONLY TRANSFERABLE AS STATED HEREIN. ANY PERSON PROPERLY OBTAINING AND HOLDING A DEMOCRACY VOUCHER MAY TRANSFER IT BY WRITING THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE, AND SIGNING THE HOLDER'S NAME ON AND DATING THE VOUCHER WHERE INDICATED THEREON, AND DELIVERING THE SIGNED AND DATED VOUCHER TO THE CANDIDATE, OR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE, OR TO ANY CANDIDATE'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- (2) DELIVERY MAY BE BY MAIL OR IN PERSON. ANY PERSON MAY DELIVER THE VOUCHER AT THE HOLDER'S REQUEST.
- (3) A PERSON MAY ONLY DONATE A VOUCHER TO A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE. NO DEMOCRACY VOUCHER MAY BE TRANSFERRED AFTER THE LAST BUSINESS DAY IN NOVEMBER FOLLOWING THE ELECTION. A CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE REPRESENTATIVE MAY SEEK DONATIONS IN PERSON OR THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES. A VALID DONATION IS IRREVOCABLE.
- (4) A PERSON MAY DONATE ANY NUMBER OF HIS OR HER DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS TO THE SAME CANDIDATE IN A GIVEN ELECTION CYCLE. TRANSFER FOR CASH OR ANY CONSIDERATION IS PROHIBITED. OFFERING TO PURCHASE, BUY OR SELL A DEMOCRACY VOUCHER IS PROHIBITED. NO PERSON MAY GIVE OR GIFT A DEMOCRACY VOUCHER TO ANOTHER PERSON, EXCEPT BY TRANSFERRING IT TO A CANDIDATE AS PROVIDED HEREIN. DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS HAVE NO CASH VALUE AND ARE NOT ASSETS, INCOME, OR PROPERTY OF THE HOLDER. A DEMOCRACY VOUCHER MAY NOT BE DONATED BY PROXY, POWER OF ATTORNEY, OR BY AN AGENT.
- (5) A DEMOCRACY VOUCHER EXPIRES IF THE HOLDER IS NO LONGER A RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF COLORADO. THE HOLDER OF A DEMOCRACY VOUCHER ASSUMES THE RISK THAT HE OR SHE MAY CHANGE HIS OR HER MIND AFTER DONATION, OR THAT THE DEMOCRACY VOUCHER MAY NOT HAVE USE OR BE REDEEMED DUE TO ANY CONTINGENCY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CANDIDATE'S DEATH, DISQUALIFICATION, DROPPING OUT, FAILURE TO REDEEM OR USE THE DEMOCRACY VOUCHER; OR OTHERWISE.

1-46-106. REDEMPTION PROCESS.

- (1) ONLY A COLORADO CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR UNITED STATES SENATE MAY RECEIVE A DONATION OF A DEMOCRACY VOUCHER.

- (2) THE CANDIDATE SHALL COMPLY WITH CAMPAIGN LAWS AND CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.
- (3) A CANDIDATE LOSES QUALIFICATION BY PUBLICLY ANNOUNCING WITHDRAWAL, FAILING TO ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION, OR IF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE FINDS SUFFICIENT MATERIAL VIOLATIONS OF ELECTION LAWS, OR FRAUDULENT OR ATTEMPTED FRAUDULENT TRANSFER OF DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS.
- (4) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE SHALL CREATE A REDEMPTION AND VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR RECEIVING AND REDEEMING DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS.

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