

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** article 7 to title 1 as follows:

ARTICLE 7

1-7-201. VOTING AT PRIMARY ELECTION

(4) **AMEND:** PARTY BALLOTS SHALL BE CAST IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN GENERAL ELECTIONS. ~~AN ELECTOR SHALL NOT VOTE FOR MORE CANDIDATES FOR ANY OFFICE THAN ARE TO BE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION AS INDICATED ON THE BALLOT.~~

1-7-309. LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION

(1) **AMEND:** VOTES CAST FOR AN OFFICE TO BE FILLED OR A BALLOT ISSUE TO BE DECIDED SHALL NOT BE COUNTED ~~IF AN ELECTOR MARKS MORE NAMES THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO AN OFFICE OR~~ IF FOR ANY REASON IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE ELECTOR'S CHOICE OF CANDIDATE OR VOTE CONCERNING THE BALLOT ISSUE.

SECTION 2. IN COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, **ADD** PART 11 TO ARTICLE 7 TO TITLE 1 AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 7

1-7-1101. SHORT TITLE

(1) THIS PART 11 SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "APPROVAL VOTING ACT".

1-7-1102. DEFINITIONS

(1) PLURALITY BALLOTS: IS A BALLOT USING AN ELECTORAL SYSTEM IN WHICH EACH ELECTOR IS ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE, AND THE CANDIDATE WHO POLLS THE MOST AMONG THEIR COUNTERPARTS (A PLURALITY) IS ELECTED.

(2) APPROVAL BALLOTS: IS A BALLOT USING AN ELECTORAL SYSTEM WHERE EACH ELECTOR MAY SELECT ("APPROVE") ANY NUMBER OF CANDIDATES. THE WINNER IS THE MOST-APPROVED CANDIDATE.

1-7-1103. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS USING APPROVAL VOTING METHODS

(1) COLORADO PLURALITY BALLOTS WILL INSTEAD BE APPROVAL BALLOTS

(2) AN APPROVAL BALLOT SHALL ALLOW AN ELECTOR TO SELECT AS MANY CHOICES AS THERE ARE CANDIDATES

(3) IN AN ELECTION IN WHICH ONE CANDIDATE IS TO BE ELECTED TO AN OFFICE, THE CANDIDATE HAVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED THE WINNER.

(4) IN AN ELECTION IN WHICH MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IS TO BE ELECTED TO AN OFFICE IN A MULTIPLE-SEAT DISTRICT OR ON A GOVERNING BODY THAT INCLUDES MULTIPLE AT-LARGE SEATS, THE CANDIDATES HAVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED THE WINNERS.

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