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HOUSE BILL 20-1289

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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".**

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.
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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.

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) and (3)(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 (3) (a) No later than twenty-one days prior to the date of the
4 precinct caucus, OR EIGHTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRECINCT
5 CAUCUS IN A YEAR IN WHICH A POLITICAL PARTY'S PRECINCT CAUCUS IS
6 HELD ON THE FIRST SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
7 ELECTION, the county clerk and recorder shall furnish without charge to
8 each major political party in the county a list of the registered electors in
9 the county who are affiliated with that political party.

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

12 **1-3-102. Precinct caucuses.** (2) (a) The participants at the
13 precinct caucus shall also elect two precinct committeepersons. Any
14 person eighteen years of age or older may be a candidate for the office of
15 precinct committeeperson if he or she has been a resident of the precinct
16 for ~~thirty~~ TWENTY-TWO days and has been affiliated with the political
17 party holding the precinct caucus for a period of at least ~~two months~~
18 TWENTY-TWO DAYS preceding the date of the precinct caucus; except that
19 any person who has attained the age of eighteen years or who has become
20 a naturalized citizen during the ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO DAYS
21 immediately preceding the precinct caucus may be a candidate for the
22 office of precinct committeeperson even though he or she has been
23 affiliated with the political party for less than ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO
24 DAYS as shown in the statewide voter registration system. The two people
25 receiving the highest number of votes at the caucus for precinct
26 committeeperson are elected as the precinct committeepersons of the
27 precinct. If two or more candidates for precinct committeeperson receive

1 an equal and the second highest number of votes, or if three or more
2 candidates receive an equal and the highest number of votes, the election
3 must be determined by lot by those candidates. All disputes regarding the
4 election of precinct committeepersons are determined by the credentials
5 committees of the respective party assemblies. The names of the
6 committeepersons elected must be certified to the county assembly of the
7 political party by the officers of the caucus. The county assembly shall
8 ratify the list of committeepersons. The presiding officer and secretary of
9 the county assembly shall file a certified list of the names and addresses,
10 by precinct, of those persons elected as precinct committeepersons with
11 the county clerk and recorder within four days after the date of the county
12 assembly.

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

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