

CHAPTER 2

ELECTIONS

HOUSE BILL 20-1289

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also SENATOR(S) Foote and Holbert, Bridges, Fenberg, Ginal, Hansen, Moreno, Smallwood, Tate.

AN ACT

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

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

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

1-3-101. Party affiliation required - residence. (1) (a) In order to vote at any precinct caucus, assembly, or convention of a political party, the elector must be a resident of the precinct for twenty-two days, must be registered to vote no later than twenty-two days before the caucus, assembly, or convention, and must be affiliated with the political party holding the caucus, assembly, or convention for at least twenty-two days as shown in the statewide voter registration system; except that any registered elector who has attained the age of eighteen years or who has become a naturalized citizen during the twenty-two days immediately preceding the meeting may vote at any caucus, assembly, or convention even though the elector has been affiliated with the political party for less than twenty-two days. ~~ANY~~ preregistrant who is seventeen years of age on the date of a caucus and who will be eighteen years of age on the date of the next general election may ~~EITHER~~ vote at ~~the~~ ANY caucus, ASSEMBLY, OR CONVENTION OR BE ELECTED AS A DELEGATE TO ANY ASSEMBLY OR CONVENTION EVEN THOUGH THE ELECTOR HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE POLITICAL PARTY FOR LESS THAN TWENTY-TWO DAYS.

(3) (a) No later than twenty-one days prior to the date of the precinct caucus, OR EIGHTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRECINCT CAUCUS IN A YEAR IN WHICH A POLITICAL PARTY'S PRECINCT CAUCUS IS HELD ON THE FIRST SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, ~~the county clerk and recorder~~

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shall furnish without charge to each major political party in the county a list of the registered electors in the county who are affiliated with that political party.

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

1-3-102. Precinct caucuses. (2) (a) The participants at the precinct caucus shall also elect two precinct committeepersons. Any person eighteen years of age or older may be a candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson if he or she has been a resident of the precinct for ~~thirty~~ TWENTY-TWO days and has been affiliated with the political party holding the precinct caucus for a period of at least ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO DAYS preceding the date of the precinct caucus; except that any person who has attained the age of eighteen years or who has become a naturalized citizen during the ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO DAYS immediately preceding the precinct caucus may be a candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson even though he or she has been affiliated with the political party for less than ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO DAYS as shown in the statewide voter registration system. The two people receiving the highest number of votes at the caucus for precinct committeeperson are elected as the precinct committeepersons of the precinct. If two or more candidates for precinct committeeperson receive an equal and the second highest number of votes, or if three or more candidates receive an equal and the highest number of votes, the election must be determined by lot by those candidates. All disputes regarding the election of precinct committeepersons are determined by the credentials committees of the respective party assemblies. The names of the committeepersons elected must be certified to the county assembly of the political party by the officers of the caucus. The county assembly shall ratify the list of committeepersons. The presiding officer and secretary of the county assembly shall file a certified list of the names and addresses, by precinct, of those persons elected as precinct committeepersons with the county clerk and recorder within four days after the date of the county assembly.

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

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

Approved: March 3, 2020