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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT

102 GOVERNOR TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR ANOTHER ELECTED OFFICE.

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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov.</u>)

The bill allows a person who is nominated as a candidate for elected office who is also nominated as a candidate for lieutenant governor to run for both offices. If the person wins the election for both offices, the person must resign from one of them within 7 days of the final certification of the results of both elections. The vacancy created by the resignation is filled in accordance with existing law on vacancies for



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that office.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-501, amend (2)
3	as follows:
4	1-4-501. Only eligible electors eligible for office. (2) No person
5	is eligible to be a candidate for more than one office at one time; except
6	that:
7	(a) This subsection (2) does not apply to memberships on different
8	special district boards;
9	(b) This subsection (2) shall DOES not prohibit a candidate or
10	elected official of any political subdivision from being a candidate or
11	member of the board of directors of any special district or districts in
12	which he or she is an eligible elector, unless otherwise prohibited by law;
13	AND
14	(c) A PERSON WHO IS NOMINATED AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN
15	ELECTED OFFICE OTHER THAN THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR OR
16	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS WHO IS ALSO NOMINATED AS A JOINT
17	CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
18	1-4-502 (3) may be a candidate for both offices. If the person is
19	ELECTED TO BOTH OFFICES, THE PERSON SHALL ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF
20	LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND RESIGN FROM THE OTHER OFFICE TO WHICH
21	THE PERSON IS ELECTED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE FINAL CERTIFICATION
22	OF THE RESULTS OF BOTH ELECTIONS. IF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS
23	ARE CERTIFIED ON DIFFERENT DATES, THE DEADLINE TO RESIGN FROM ONE
24	OFFICE IS SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE LATEST CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS
25	AFTER THE ELECTION. THE RESULTING VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED IN

1 ACCORDANCE WITH PART 2 OF ARTICLE 12 OF THIS TITLE 1.

2 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 1-45-103.5 as
3 follows:

4 1-45-103.5. Candidate for lieutenant governor - candidate 5 committees. (1) A PERSON WHO IS NOMINATED AS A CANDIDATE FOR 6 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND FOR ANOTHER ELECTED OFFICE IN 7 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 1-4-501 (2)(c) SHALL AFFIRMATIVELY 8 CLOSE ANY CANDIDATE COMMITTEE REGISTERED IN THE PERSON'S NAME 9 FOR THE OFFICE OTHER THAN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND SHALL CEASE 10 ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS OR MAKING EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF THE 11 PERSON'S ELECTION TO THAT OTHER OFFICE BEFORE FILING AN 12 ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOMINATION FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN 13 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 1-4-502 (3)(c). ANY UNEXPENDED 14 CONTRIBUTIONS HELD BY THE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE MUST BE 15 CONTRIBUTED OR DONATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 1-45-106 16 (1)(a)(I)(A), (1)(a)(I)(C), OR (1)(a)(I)(D); EXCEPT THAT UNEXPENDED17 CONTRIBUTIONS MAY NOT BE RETAINED FOR USE BY THE CANDIDATE IN A 18 SUBSEQUENT CAMPAIGN.

(2) A PERSON WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
AND FOR ANOTHER ELECTED OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
1-4-501 (2)(c) SHALL NOT RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OR MAKE
EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF THE PERSON'S ELECTION TO THE OTHER
OFFICE ON OR AFTER THE DATE THE PERSON FILES AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE
NOMINATION FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SUBSECTION 1-4-502 (3)(c).

26 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO
27 IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

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SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -1 2 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following 3 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the 4 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an 5 6 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, 7 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take 8 9 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the 10 governor.

11 (2) This act applies to elections conducted on or after theapplicable effective date of this act.