CHAPTER 209

## WATER AND IRRIGATION

SENATE BILL 96-223

BY SENATORS Alexander, Wattenberg, and Norton; also REPRESENTATIVES Jerke, George, Chlouber, Gordon, Kaufman, Knox, Lamm, Lawrence, Martin, Prinzler, Reeves, Schwarz, Sullivan, Sullivant, Tupa, and Young.

## AN ACT

CONCERNING ELECTOR SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONS RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT DIRECTORS.

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

**SECTION 1.** 37-45-114 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1990 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

**37-45-114. Appointment of board of directors.** (2) In the event that a petition, signed by not fewer than fifteen TEN percent of the registered electors of RESIDING IN a county, or portion of a county entitled to a director, of a water conservancy district, which electors have resided within the district for a period of one year, and who are owners of real property within the district, WHICH ELECTORS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), ARE THOSE PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, praying for the election of a director from that county to fill the term of office of the specified director from that county then about to expire, in lieu of the appointment thereof by the court, shall be filed with the clerk of the court at any time prior to ninety days preceding the expiration date of the term of office of such director appointed by the court, the court shall order the holding of an election in the county, or portion of a county entitled to a director, in the district for the purpose of filling the vacancy to be caused by the expiration of the term of office of the director so about to expire in lieu of the appointment of a successor by the court as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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