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A Proposal

To **add** to Title 1, Article 7 Colorado Revised Statutes as Part 11 (or other as required) the following:

- 1-7-1101 Short title
 - Part 11 shall be known as “Instant Runoff voting for congressional Offices”
 - This Part 11 shall be implemented by the next eligible general election
- 1-7-1102 Definitions
 - Instant Runoff Voting ,IRV: a system of ranked choice voting in which voters select any number of candidates by ranking them from most preferred to least preferred. When counting the votes, the first choice votes are counted first. If a candidate has received greater than 50% of the vote, they are declared the winner. If not, the candidate with the lowest percentage of votes is eliminated and all first choice ballots cast to this candidate are redistributed to their next choice. This process is repeated until one candidate holds 50% of the total votes and is declared the winner.
 - Single Member Districts, SMD: an electoral district that selects only one candidate as a winner.
 - Voting system: the method by which the winner of an election is selected
- 1-7-1103 Ballot
 - IRV ballots must allow the voter to rank any number of candidates and provide clear instructions on how to fill out the ballot properly.
- 1-7-1104 Conduct
 - All Elections in Colorado for the United States House Of Representatives will use the IRV voting system to select congressional representatives in Single Member Districts
 - The State of Colorado may use electronic counting systems or hand counting systems to determine the winner of IRV elections.
 - IRV voting systems will not be used to count local state or municipal elections.

To **amend** Title 1, Article 5, Part 4, Section 407 Form of Ballots with

- (B) or Rank any number of candidates from most preferred to least preferred

To **amend** Title 1, Article 7, Part 3, Section 309 add

- IRV ballots shall be discarded if it is for any reason not possible to determine the ranking of the first choice candidate
- IRV ballots will not be redistributed if for any reason it is impossible to determine the next choice candidate on a ballot.