

## CHAPTER 468

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**ELECTIONS**

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## SENATE BILL 24-210

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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS REGARDING ELECTIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-110, **add** (3.5) as follows:

**1-1-110. Powers of county clerk and recorder and deputy - communication to electors - repeal.** (3.5) (a) AS THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE COUNTY, AND TO COMPLY WITH THIS CODE AND THE RULES AND ORDERS PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL SET OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR THE CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (3.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2025.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-101, **amend** (2)(a)(I) as follows:

**1-2-101. Qualifications for registration - preregistration.**  
(2) (a) (I) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, upon satisfactory proof of age, every person who is otherwise qualified to register and is ~~sixteen~~ FIFTEEN years of age or older but will not have reached eighteen years of age by the date of the next election may preregister and update ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S preregistered information by any means authorized in this article for persons eighteen years of age or older. Upon reaching eighteen years of age, the person is automatically registered.

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-202.5, **amend** (3)(a)(I) as follows:

**1-2-202.5. Online voter registration - online changes in elector information.**

(3) The electronic voter registration form must include:

(a) (I) The questions "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?", "Are you at least ~~sixteen~~ FIFTEEN years of age?", "Do you understand that you must be at least ~~seventeen years old and turning eighteen years old on or before the date of the next general election to be eligible to vote in a primary election, and~~ at least eighteen years old to be eligible to vote in any other election?", "Have you resided in Colorado for at least twenty-two days immediately prior to the election?", "Do you reside in the precinct in which you intend to register?", "Is the address you have listed your sole legal place of residence for purposes of voting?", and "Do you affirm that you will not cast more than one ballot in any election?" and places for the elector to input answers to the questions.

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-205, **amend** (2) as follows:

**1-2-205. Self-affirmation made by elector.** (2) Each elector making application for registration or preregistration shall make the following self-affirmation: "I, ..., affirm that I am a citizen of the United States; I have been a resident of Colorado for at least twenty-two days immediately before an election I intend to vote in; I am at least ~~sixteen~~ FIFTEEN years old; and I understand that I must be at least eighteen to be eligible to vote in any election. I further affirm that the residence address I provided is my sole legal place of residence. I certify under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that I have not, nor will I, cast more than one ballot in any election."

**SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-402, **amend** (3) as follows:

**1-2-402. Registration by high school deputy registrars - rules.** (3) A high school deputy registrar may have available an official application form for voter registration for each student who is eighteen years of age or who will be eighteen years of age at the time of the next election. A high school deputy registrar may have available an official application form for preregistration for each student who is ~~sixteen~~ FIFTEEN years of age.

**SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-103, **amend** (5)(a) and (6)(a) as follows:

**1-3-103. Party committees.** (5) (a) When a state senatorial district is comprised of one or more whole counties or of a part of one county and all or a part of one or more other counties, a state senatorial central committee shall consist of THE ELECTED PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSONS, the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and secretary of the several party county central committees, who reside within the state senatorial district. If any of those officers do not reside in the state senatorial district, replacements shall be provided who do reside in the district. The state senatorial central committee shall also include the elected state senator of the party for the state senatorial district, the state representatives of the party who reside within the

state senatorial district, and a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary of the state senatorial central committee, who may or may not be elected from among, but shall be elected by, the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and secretary, the state senator, and the state representatives.

(6) (a) When a state representative district is comprised of one or more whole counties or of a part of one county and all or a part of one or more other counties, a state representative central committee shall consist of THE ELECTED PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSONS, the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and secretary of the several party county central committees, who reside within the state representative district. If any of those officers do not reside in the state representative district, replacements shall be provided who do reside in the district. The state representative central committee shall also include the elected state representative of the party for the state representative district, each state senator of the party who resides within that representative district, and a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary of the state representative central committee, who may or may not be elected from among, but shall be elected by, the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and secretary, the state representative, and the state senators.

**SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-105 as follows:

**1-4-105. Defeated candidate ineligible.** No person who has been defeated as a candidate in a primary election shall be eligible for election to the same office by ballot or as a write-in candidate in the next general election unless the party vacancy committee nominates that person; EXCEPT THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

**SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-304, **amend** (1) and (2) as follows:

**1-4-304. Presidential electors.** (1) The presidential electors shall convene at the capital of the state, in the office of the governor at the capitol building, on the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in the first December following their election at the hour of 12 noon and take the oath required by law for presidential electors; EXCEPT THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS MAY CONVENE AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR IF THE GOVERNOR DETERMINES THAT IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO MEET IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING. If any vacancy occurs in the office of a presidential elector because of death, refusal to act, absence, or other cause, the presidential electors present shall immediately proceed to fill the vacancy in the electoral college. When all vacancies have been filled, the presidential electors shall proceed to perform the duties required of them by the constitution and laws of the United States. The vote for president and vice president shall be taken by open ballot.

(2) The secretary of state shall give notice in writing to each of the presidential electors of the time and place of the meeting at least ten days prior to the meeting; EXCEPT THAT IF THE GOVERNOR DETERMINES THAT IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO MEET IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL GIVE NOTICE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

**SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-403, **amend** (2) as follows:

**1-4-403. Nomination of unaffiliated candidates for congressional vacancy election.** (2) Petitions must be filed by ~~3 p.m.~~ 5 P.M. on the twentieth day after the date of the order issued by the governor.

**SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-802, **amend** (1)(d), (1)(f), and (1)(g)(II) as follows:

**1-4-802. Petitions for nominating minor political party and unaffiliated candidates for a partisan office.** (1) Candidates for partisan public offices to be filled at a general or congressional vacancy election who do not wish to affiliate with a major political party may be nominated, other than by a primary election or a convention, in the following manner:

(d) (I) No petition to nominate an unaffiliated candidate, except petitions for candidates for vacancies to unexpired terms of representatives in congress, ~~and for presidential electors~~, shall be circulated or any signatures obtained thereon earlier than one hundred seventy-three days before the general election.

(II) No petition to nominate a minor political party candidate shall be circulated nor any signatures obtained thereon earlier than the first ~~Monday in February~~ BUSINESS DAY IN JANUARY in the general election year.

(f) (I) Except as provided by ~~subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (f)~~ IN SUBSECTION (1)(f)(II) OF THIS SECTION, petitions ~~shall~~ MUST be filed no later than ~~3 p.m.~~ 5 P.M. on the one hundred seventeenth day before the general election or, for a congressional vacancy election, no later than ~~3 p.m.~~ 5 P.M. on the twentieth day after the date of the order issued by the governor.

(II) Petitions to nominate candidates of minor political parties must be filed no later than ~~the close of business~~ 5 P.M. on the ~~eighty-fifth day before the primary election as specified in section 1-4-101~~ THIRD TUESDAY IN MARCH OR ON THE SEVENTY-FIFTH DAY AFTER THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY IN JANUARY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

(g) (II) For general elections, no person shall be placed in nomination by petition unless the person is an eligible elector of the political subdivision or district in which the officer is to be elected and unless the person was registered as affiliated with a minor political party or as unaffiliated, as shown in the statewide voter registration system, no later than the first business day of the January immediately preceding the general election for which the person desires to be placed in nomination; except that, if such nomination is for a nonpartisan election, the person shall be an eligible elector of the political subdivision or district and be a registered elector, as shown in the statewide voter registration system, on the date of the earliest signature on the petition. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CANDIDATES SEEKING THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

**SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-4-905.7 as follows:

**1-4-905.7. Expenditures related to petition circulation - report - penalty - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "EXPENDITURE" MEANS A PAYMENT TO A CIRCULATOR.

(b) "FALSE ADDRESS" MEANS A STREET ADDRESS, POST OFFICE BOX, CITY, STATE, OR ANY OTHER DESIGNATION OF PLACE USED IN A CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT THAT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE CIRCULATOR'S CORRECT ADDRESS OF PERMANENT DOMICILE AT THE TIME THE CIRCULATOR CIRCULATED PETITIONS. "FALSE ADDRESS" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ADDRESS THAT MERELY OMITTS THE DESIGNATION OF "STREET", "AVENUE", "BOULEVARD", OR ANY COMPARABLE TERM BUT DOES INCLUDE THE OMISSION OF THE APARTMENT OR UNIT NUMBER, WHERE APPLICABLE, OF THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

(c) "REPORT" MEANS THE REPORT REQUIRED TO BE FILED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) NO LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT A CANDIDATE, RECALL, OR MINOR PARTY PETITION IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, RECALL COMMITTEE, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINOR PARTY PETITION MUST SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE A REPORT THAT STATES THE DATES OF CIRCULATION BY ALL CIRCULATORS WHO WERE PAID TO CIRCULATE A SECTION OF THE PETITION, THE TOTAL HOURS FOR WHICH EACH CIRCULATOR WAS PAID TO CIRCULATE A SECTION OF THE PETITION, THE GROSS AMOUNT OF WAGES PAID FOR SUCH HOURS, AND ANY ADDRESSES USED BY CIRCULATORS ON THEIR AFFIDAVITS THAT THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, RECALL COMMITTEE, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINOR PARTY PETITION, OR THEIR AGENTS, HAVE DETERMINED, PRIOR TO PETITION FILING, TO BE FALSE ADDRESSES.

(3) (a) WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE REPORT IS FILED, A REGISTERED ELECTOR MAY FILE A COMPLAINT ALLEGING A VIOLATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPORT SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, RECALL COMMITTEE, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINOR PARTY PETITION COMMITTEE MAY CURE THE ALLEGED VIOLATION BY ADDITIONALLY FILING A REPORT OR AN ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL REPORT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE COMPLAINT IS FILED. IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT CURED, A HEARING OFFICER SHALL CONDUCT A HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ADDITIONAL FILING OR THE DEADLINE FOR THE ADDITIONAL FILING, WHICHEVER IS SOONER.

(b) (I) AFTER A HEARING IS HELD, IF THE HEARING OFFICER DETERMINES THAT THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, RECALL COMMITTEE, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINOR PARTY PETITION INTENTIONALLY VIOLATED THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, RECALL COMMITTEE, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINOR PARTY PETITION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY THAT IS EQUAL TO THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF ANY EXPENDITURES THAT WERE OMITTED FROM OR ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.

(II) IF THE HEARING OFFICER DETERMINES THAT THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, RECALL COMMITTEE, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINOR PARTY PETITION INTENTIONALLY MISSTATED A MATERIAL FACT IN THE REPORT OR OMITTED A MATERIAL FACT FROM THE REPORT, OR IF THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, RECALL COMMITTEE, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINOR PARTY

PETITION NEVER FILED A REPORT, THE REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO INSTITUTED THE PROCEEDINGS MAY COMMENCE A CIVIL ACTION TO RECOVER REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS FROM THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE, RECALL COMMITTEE, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINOR PARTY PETITION.

(c) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, ANY PROCEDURES RELATED TO A COMPLAINT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE "STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT", ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24.

**SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-908, **amend** (1.5)(b)(I) and (1.5)(b)(II) as follows:

**1-4-908. Review of petition - signature verification - notification - cure - rules.** (1.5) (b) (I) If it is determined that the signature on the petition does not match the signature of the eligible elector stored in the statewide voter registration database, or if a signature verification device is unable to determine that the signatures match, a second review shall be made by an employee of the secretary of state's office or a designee trained in signature verification. If the employee or designee agrees that the signatures do not match, the secretary of state shall within three days of ~~determining the signature deficiency~~, COMPLETING REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE PETITION, notify the candidate of such deficiency.

(II) To cure a signature that failed the signature verification process described in subsection (1.5)(b)(I) of this section, a candidate must provide the secretary of state with a statement, signed by the elector whose signature failed the verification process, that states substantially that the elector signed the petition. The statement must be accompanied by a copy of the elector's identification, as defined in section 1-1-104 (19.5). The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for the statement. To cure the signature deficiency, the candidate must return the statement and a copy of the elector's identification to the secretary of state within ~~three~~ FIVE days of the date the secretary notifies the candidate of the signature deficiency.

**SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-102.9, **amend** (1)(a)(III) introductory portion and (5)(b); **repeal** (1)(b.5)(V)(B); and **add** (1)(a)(V) as follows:

**1-5-102.9. Voter service and polling centers - number required - services provided - drop-off locations - definition.** (1) (a) For general elections, each county clerk and recorder shall designate a minimum number of voter service and polling centers, as follows:

(III) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(V) OF THIS SECTION, for counties with at least ten thousand but fewer than thirty-seven thousand five hundred active electors:

(V) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A PILOT PROGRAM FOR ELECTIONS CONDUCTED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, THAT ALLOWS THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL OF A COUNTY THAT HAS AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND BUT FEWER THAN THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ACTIVE ELECTORS, THAT HAS AT LEAST THREE MUNICIPALITIES, AND IN WHICH THE SECOND AND THIRD

LARGEST MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE COUNTY BOTH HAVE LESS THAN THREE PERCENT OF THE ACTIVE ELECTORS IN THE COUNTY, TO REQUEST A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENT TO DESIGNATE A MINIMUM OF THREE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS ON ELECTION DAY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALLOWS A WAIVER PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(V), THE COUNTY THAT REQUESTED THE WAIVER IS REQUIRED TO DESIGNATE A MINIMUM OF TWO VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS ON ELECTION DAY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ALLOW A WAIVER PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(V) TO ONLY ONE COUNTY DURING THE PILOT PROGRAM.

~~(b.5) (V) (B) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(b.5)(V)(A) of this section, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, for any election for which the number of enrolled students would be based on data from the fall semester of 2020, the secretary of state shall use data for the fall semester of 2019 instead of data from the fall semester of 2020 to determine the number of enrolled students for purposes of subsection (1)(b.5)(I) of this section. The department of higher education shall provide the data for the fall semester of 2019 to the secretary of state on or before October 1, 2021.~~

(5) (b) For a general election, in addition to the requirements of subsection (5)(a) of this section, a county shall establish a drop box on each campus of a state AN institution of higher education, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-3.1-102 (5), located within the county that has ~~two~~ ONE thousand or more enrolled students as determined in accordance with subsection (1)(b.5)(III) of this section.

**SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-402, **amend** (1) introductory portion and (1)(a) as follows:

**1-5-402. Primary election ballots.** (1) No later than thirty-two days before the primary election, the county clerk and recorder shall prepare a separate ballot for each political party. The COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL ENSURE THAT THE ballots ~~shall be~~ ARE printed in the following manner:

(a) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL ENSURE THAT all official ballots ~~shall be~~ ARE printed according to the provisions of ~~sections 1-5-407 and 1-5-408~~ SECTION 1-5-407; except that across the top of each ballot ~~shall~~ MUST be printed the name of the political party for which the ballot is to be used.

**SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-5-408 as follows:

**1-5-408. Form of ballots - electronic voting.** ~~(1) Ballot cards placed upon voting equipment shall, so far as practicable, be arranged as provided by sections 1-5-402, 1-5-403, and 1-5-404; except that they shall be of the size and design required by the voting equipment and may be printed on a number of separate ballot cards that are placed on the voting equipment.~~

~~(2) If votes are recorded on a ballot card, a separate write-in ballot may be provided, which may be in the form of a paper ballot or envelope on which the elector may write in the title of the office and the name of a qualified write-in candidate.~~

~~(3) Polling locations that use electromechanical voting systems may use ballot cards of different colors to ensure that electors receive a full ballot. Such polling locations may also use ballot cards of different colors for each party at primary elections.~~

~~(4) Repealed.~~

**SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-5-610 as follows:

**1-5-610. Preparation for use - electromechanical voting.** (1) Prior to an election in which an ~~electronic~~ ELECTROMECHANICAL voting system is to be used, the designated election official shall have all system components prepared for voting and shall inspect and determine that each ~~vote recorder or voting device~~ COMPONENT is in proper working order. The designated election official shall cause a sufficient number of ~~recorders or devices~~ SYSTEM COMPONENTS to be delivered to each ~~election precinct~~ VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER in which an ~~electronic~~ ELECTROMECHANICAL voting system is to be used.

(2) The designated election official shall supply each ~~election precinct~~ VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER in which ~~vote recorders or voting devices~~ ELECTROMECHANICAL VOTING SYSTEMS are to be used with a sufficient number of ballots, ballot cards, sample ballots, AND ballot boxes, and ~~write-in ballots~~ and with such other supplies and forms as may be required. ~~Each ballot or ballot card shall have a serially numbered stub attached, which shall be removed by an election judge before the ballot or ballot card is deposited in the ballot box.~~

**SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-617, **amend** (4) as follows:

**1-5-617. Examination - testing - certification.** (4) Within thirty days after deciding to certify an ~~electronic~~ or electromechanical voting system, the secretary of state shall make a report on the system containing a description of the system and its operation. ~~with drawings or photographs showing the system.~~ The secretary of state shall send a notice of certification and a copy of the report to the voting system provider that submitted the system for certification. The secretary of state shall notify the governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the state of the certification and make the notice of certification and report available to them upon request.

**SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-5-620 as follows:

**1-5-620. Electromechanical voting system information - software.** ~~When a political subdivision purchases or adopts an electronic or electromechanical voting system, the vendor of the system shall send to the secretary of state copies of the software user and operator manuals, and any other information, specifications, or documentation required by the secretary of state relating to a certified system and its equipment. Any such information or materials that are not on file with and approved by the secretary of state, including any updated or modified materials, shall not be used in an election.~~

**SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-623, **amend** (3); and **repeal** (1) and (2) as follows:



**1-5-623. Purchase of new electromechanical voting systems - approval of secretary of state - rules.** (1) ~~(a) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that, over the past decade, voting technology used in the state has undergone dramatic changes, creating confusion and difficulties for election administrators, state government, and the voting public. Efforts to address this confusion have been complicated by the timing of periodic substantial investments in voting technology by county governments necessitated by changes in federal and state law.~~

~~(b) Now, therefore, by enacting this section, the general assembly intends that:~~

~~(I) Between May 15, 2009, and the 2014 general election, any voting system purchased by a political subdivision shall be a paper-based voting system as defined in section 1-1-104 (23.5);~~

~~(II) The acquisition of electronic voting systems be suspended in order to assess existing and emerging voting technologies; and~~

~~(III) Substantial investment by political subdivisions before the 2014 general election in alternate technologies that will frustrate the intent of the general assembly as specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) is discouraged and disfavored.~~

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part 6, any existing electronic voting device or any related component of the device that was used by a political subdivision in conducting the 2008 general election may continue to be used by the political subdivision on and after May 15, 2009, as long as the device or component is used in accordance with either the conditions of use under which the device or component was originally certified for the 2008 general election or in accordance with alternate conditions of use established by the secretary of state.

(3) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on and after May 15, 2009, No political subdivision may purchase a new ~~electronic~~ ELECTROMECHANICAL voting device or system or any related component of such ~~device or~~ system without obtaining the prior approval of the secretary of state for such purchase. ~~in accordance with the requirements of this subsection (3).~~

(b) Subject to the requirements of ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION, if a political subdivision desires to purchase a new ~~electronic~~ ELECTROMECHANICAL voting device or system or any related component of such ~~device or~~ AN ELECTROMECHANICAL VOTING system, the political subdivision shall submit a written application to the secretary of state for approval of the purchase. The ~~application~~ POLITICAL SUBDIVISION shall ~~be made~~ APPLY by means of any forms or procedures established by the secretary. ~~Within three business days of receiving the application, the secretary shall grant or deny the application. In reviewing the application, the secretary shall consider, among other relevant factors, the total effect of the purchase at issue in light of other purchases by the political subdivision on voting systems or components of such systems on or after May 15, 2009, and the needs of the political subdivision. In making the determination, the secretary shall prevent political subdivisions from making substantial investments in alternate technologies that will frustrate the intent of the general assembly as specified in subsection (1) of this section and shall consider,~~

~~among other relevant factors:~~ THE SECRETARY SHALL APPROVE OR DENY THE APPLICATION IN WRITING WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIVING THE APPLICATION.

~~(I) Whether the purchase is intended to replace damaged or defective equipment or to accommodate an increase in population in the political subdivision;~~

~~(II) Whether the purchase requires a new contract or agreement that would be entered into by the political subdivision and one or more vendors; and~~

~~(III) A comparison of the purchase under review with the average capital expenditures by the political subdivision on the administration of elections on an annual basis for the four consecutive years prior to the year in which the application is submitted in order to discourage an investment in technology with a limited useful life in accordance with the intent of the general assembly as specified in subsection (1) of this section.~~

**SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-704, **amend** (1) introductory portion and (1)(h) as follows:

**1-5-704. Standards for accessible voting systems.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 5, each voting system certified by the secretary of state for use in local, state, and federal elections ~~shall~~ MUST have the capability to accept accessible voter interface devices in the voting system configuration to allow the voting system to meet the following minimum standards:

~~(h) For voice signals transmitted to the elector, the voting system shall provide a gain HAVE AN adjustable up to a minimum of twenty decibels with at least one intermediate step of twelve decibels~~ AUDIO VOLUME THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS USED IN COLORADO FOR CERTIFICATION OF A VOTING SYSTEM.

**SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-5-705 as follows:

**1-5-705. Accessible voter interface devices - minimum requirement.** A voting system must include at least one ~~direct recording electronic voting system specially equipped for individuals with disabilities or other~~ accessible voter interface device installed at each polling location that meets the requirements of this ~~section~~ PART 7.

**SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-6-103, **amend** (1)(a) and (2) as follows:

**1-6-103. Recommendations by county chairperson.** (1) (a) No later than the ~~last~~ FIRST Tuesday of April in even-numbered years, the county chairperson of each major political party in the county shall certify to the county clerk and recorder the names and addresses of registered electors recommended to serve as election judges ~~for~~ FROM each precinct in the county.

(2) The county chairperson, or, if there is no county chairperson, the committeepersons who submitted the list of registered electors in accordance with section 1-6-102 (2) shall designate the order of preference of the names of the registered electors recommended to serve as election judges. ~~for each precinct~~ The

county clerk and recorder shall select election judges from each precinct list in the county chairperson's, or, if there is no county chairperson, the committee person's, order of preference.

**SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-6-119, **amend** (1) as follows:

**1-6-119. Removal of election judge by designated election official.** (1) (a) If a county chairperson of a major political party or the county chairperson or other authorized official of a minor political party believes that an election judge appointed to represent that party is not faithfully or fairly representing the party or that an election judge has moved from the county, the county chairperson or authorized official may, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, exercise a preemptive removal of the election judge. The county chairperson or authorized official shall notify the county clerk and recorder and the election judge of the preemptive removal in writing. SUCH NOTICE MUST INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THE REASON FOR REMOVAL OF THE ELECTION JUDGE AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER WITHIN THREE DAYS OF RECEIVING THE ELECTION JUDGE LIST PURSUANT TO RULES PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(b) IF AN ELECTION JUDGE IS PREEMPTIVELY REMOVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL ALLOW THE ELECTION JUDGE TWO DAYS TO APPEAL THE ELECTION JUDGE'S REMOVAL. IF APPEALED, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL REVIEW ALL DOCUMENTATION AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE JUDGE MAY BE REMOVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

(c) The county clerk and recorder shall fill any vacancy created by the preemptive removal as provided in section 1-6-113.

**SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-110, **add** (6) as follows:

**1-7-110. Preparing to vote in person.** (6) A REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO WILL NOT HAVE BEEN A COLORADO RESIDENT FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-TWO DAYS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE A PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION MAY CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 8.5 OF THIS TITLE 1, THAT INCLUDES ONLY A VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT IN THAT GENERAL ELECTION.

**SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-118, **amend** (5) as follows:

**1-7-118. Ranked voting in a coordinated election - procedure - costs - definition.** (5) On or before April 1, 2023, the secretary of state shall adopt rules concerning the tabulation, reporting, and canvassing of results for a coordinated election using instant runoff voting conducted by a single county. On or before ~~January 1, 2025~~ JANUARY 1, 2026, the rules must include provisions for an instant runoff voting election conducted by multiple counties.

**SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-201, **amend** (1) as follows:

**1-7-201. Voting at primary election.** (1) Any registered elector including a preregistrant who is eligible under section 1-2-101 (2)(c), who has declared an affiliation with a political party that is participating in a primary election and who desires to vote for candidates of that party at a primary election shall show identification, as defined in section 1-1-104 (19.5), write ~~his or her~~ THE REGISTERED ELECTOR'S name and address on a form available at the voter service and polling center, and give the form to one of the election judges.

**SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-7-401 as follows:

**1-7-401. Judges to inspect machines.** In each ~~polling location using voting machines~~ VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER, the election judges shall meet ~~at the polling location~~ before the time set for the opening of the ~~polls at each election.~~ ~~Before the polls are open for election, each judge shall~~ VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER ON EACH DAY OF VOTING AT THAT LOCATION. THE JUDGES SHALL carefully examine each ~~machine~~ ELECTROMECHANICAL VOTING SYSTEM COMPONENT AND BALLOT BOX used in the ~~polling location~~ VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER to ensure that no ~~vote~~ SEAL has yet been ~~cast~~ BROKEN. ~~and that every counter, except the protective counter, registers zero.~~

**SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-7-402 as follows:

**1-7-402. Sample ballots - ballot labels.** (1) ~~The designated election official shall provide each polling location in which voting machines are to be used with two sample ballots, which shall be arranged in the form of a diagram showing the front of the voting machine as it will appear after the official ballot labels are arranged thereon for voting on election day. The sample ballots may be either in full or reduced size and shall be delivered and submitted for public inspection in the same manner as provided by law for sample ballots used in nonmachine voting.~~

(2) ~~The designated election official shall also prepare the official ballot for each voting machine and shall place the official ballot on each voting machine to be used in polling locations under the election official's supervision and shall deliver the required number of voting machines to each polling location no later than the day before the polling locations open.~~

**SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-7-405 as follows:

**1-7-405. Seal on voting machine.** ~~The designated election official shall supply each election precinct with a seal for each voting machine to be used in the precinct for the purpose of sealing the machine after the polls are closed. The designated election official shall also provide an envelope for the return of the keys to each voting machine along with the election returns.~~

**SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-7-406 as follows:

**1-7-406. Close of polls and count - seals.** ~~As soon as the polls are closed on election day, the election judges shall immediately lock and seal each voting machine against further voting, and it shall so remain for a period of thirty days unless otherwise ordered by the court and except as provided in section 1-7-407. Immediately after each machine is locked and sealed, the election judges shall open~~

~~the counting compartment and proceed to count the votes. After the total vote for each candidate and ballot issue has been ascertained, the election judges shall record on a certificate the number of votes cast, in numerical figures only, and return it to the designated election official.~~

**SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-7-407 as follows:

~~**1-7-407. Close of polls - primary.** In the event no election contest is filed by any candidate in a primary election within the time prescribed by section 1-11-203, the county clerk and recorder may unlock and break the seals of voting machines at any time after the fifteenth day following the date of the primary election.~~

**SECTION 32.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-7-503 as follows:

~~**1-7-503. Manner of voting.** (1) Each eligible elector, upon receiving a ballot, shall immediately proceed unaccompanied to one of the voting booths provided. To cast a vote, the eligible elector shall clearly fill the oval, connect the arrow, or otherwise appropriately mark the name of the candidate or the names of the joint candidates of the elector's choice for each office to be filled. In the case of a ballot issue, the elector shall clearly fill the oval, connect the arrow, or otherwise appropriately mark the appropriate place opposite the answer that the elector desires to give. Before leaving the voting booth, the eligible elector, without displaying the marks thereon, shall place the ballot in the privacy envelope so that the contents of the ballot or ballot card are concealed and shall place the envelope and the ballot or ballot card in the ballot box.~~

~~(2) Each eligible elector who has prepared the ballot and is ready to vote shall then leave the voting booth and approach the election judges having charge of the ballot box. The eligible elector shall give his or her name to one of the election judges. The elector shall, in full view of the election judges, deposit the ballot or ballot card in the ballot box, with the official endorsement on the ballot or ballot card facing upward.~~

~~(3) In precincts which use electronic voting equipment in which voting is by a method other than a ballot, each voter shall be listed by name in the pollbook and shall be given an entry card to the electronic voting device.~~

~~(4) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (1) or (2) of this section to the contrary, at a polling location at which a ballot marking device, as defined in section 1-5-702 (2.5), is available for accessible voting, the election judge in charge of the ballot box shall deposit every elector's ballot card in the ballot box.~~

**SECTION 33.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-7-505 as follows:

~~**1-7-505. Close of polls - security of voting machinery.** (1) After the polls have been closed, the election judges shall secure the vote recorders or the voting devices, or both, against further use.~~

~~(2) and (3) Repealed.~~

**SECTION 34.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-507, **repeal** (5) as follows:

**1-7-507. Electronic vote-counting - procedure.** (5) ~~Write-in ballots may be counted by the election judges or at the counting centers.~~

**SECTION 35.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-512, **amend** (1)(a) and (1)(b) as follows:

**1-7-512. Voting system providers - duties.** (1) A voting system provider under contract to provide a voting system to a political subdivision in this state shall:

(a) ~~Notify~~ COORDINATE WITH the secretary of state ~~of~~ TO SUPPORT the installation of any hardware, firmware, or software ~~prior to the installation~~ or of any change in the election software ~~or the~~ IN ANY COMPONENT OF THE voting system;

(b) Place in escrow with the secretary of state or an independent escrow agent approved by the secretary of state ~~immediately after the installation of election software~~; one copy of the state certified election software ~~that was installed in each political subdivision~~; along with supporting documentation;

**SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-514, **amend** (1)(a)(I); and **add** (6) as follows:

**1-7-514. Random audit.** (1) (a) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION, following each primary, general, coordinated, or congressional district vacancy election, the secretary of state shall publicly initiate a manual random audit to be conducted by each county. Unless the secretary approves an alternative method for a particular county that is based on a proven statistical sampling plan and will achieve a higher level of statistical confidence, the secretary shall randomly select not less than five percent of the voting devices used in each county to be audited; except that, where a central count voting device is in use in the county, the rules promulgated by the secretary pursuant to subsection (5) of this section shall require an audit of a specified percentage of ballots counted within the county.

(6) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE DETERMINES THAT A RISK-LIMITING AUDIT, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-7-515, CANNOT BE PERFORMED.

**SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-515, **amend** (4)(b) as follows:

**1-7-515. Risk-limiting audits - rules - legislative declaration - definitions.** (4) (b) (I) On or before ~~January 1, 2025~~ JANUARY 1, 2026, the secretary of state shall promulgate rules in accordance with article 4 of title 24 as necessary to conduct risk limiting audits in an election using instant runoff voting. In connection with the promulgation of the rules, the secretary shall consult recognized statistical experts, equipment vendors, and county clerk and recorders, and shall consider best practices for conducting risk-limiting audits. The secretary of state may consult with additional auditing experts.

(II) A county shall audit an election using instant runoff voting conducted as part of a coordinated election before ~~January 1, 2025~~ JANUARY 1, 2026, in accordance with rules adopted by the secretary of state related to ranked choice or instant runoff

voting, or, if no such rules are adopted, in accordance with procedures adopted by the county clerk and recorder.

**SECTION 38.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107, **amend** (3)(a)(I); and **add** (4.3)(c)(III) as follows:

**1-7.5-107. Procedures for conducting mail ballot election - primary elections - first-time voters casting a mail ballot after having registered by mail to vote - in-person request for ballot - return envelope requirements - repeal.**

(3) (a) (I) Not sooner than twenty-two days before a general, primary, or other mail ballot election, and no later than eighteen days before the election, the county clerk and recorder or designated election official shall mail to each active registered elector, at the last mailing address appearing in the registration records and in accordance with United States postal service regulations, a mail ballot packet, which must be marked "DO NOT FORWARD. ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED.", or any other similar statement that is in accordance with United States postal service regulations. ~~For a primary mail ballot election, active registered electors includes preregistrants eligible to vote in that primary under section 1-2-101~~ (2)(c). Nothing in this subsection (3) affects any provision of this code governing the delivery of mail ballots to an absent uniformed services elector, nonresident overseas elector, or resident overseas elector covered by the federal "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act", 52 U.S.C. sec. 20301 et seq.

(4.3) (c) (III) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY REQUEST A WAIVER FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXEMPTING THE COUNTY FROM THE DROP BOX BALLOT COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (4.3)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE GRANTS THE WAIVER, THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL ARRANGE FOR THE COLLECTION OF BALLOTS BY BIPARTISAN TEAMS OF ELECTION JUDGES FROM ALL EXEMPT DROP BOX LOCATIONS ONCE THEY ARE OPEN AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY, BUT AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK AFTER THE INITIAL MAILING OF BALLOTS UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, UNTIL THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY. THE COUNTY CLERK MUST POST A NOTICE ON EACH EXEMPT DROP BOX OF THE DATES AND APPROXIMATE TIMES BALLOTS WILL BE COLLECTED.

**SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-115, **amend** (1)(b); and **repeal and reenact, with amendments**, (1)(a) as follows:

**1-7.5-115. Emergency voting - replacement ballots - electronic transfer - rules - definition.** (1) (a) (I) AN ELECTOR MAY REQUEST A REPLACEMENT BALLOT BY SUBMITTING A PERSONALLY SIGNED, WRITTEN STATEMENT TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL WHEN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

(A) ON ELECTION DAY, THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR IS CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE;

(B) ON ELECTION DAY, THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY RELATED TO THE SECOND DEGREE BY BLOOD, ADOPTION, MARRIAGE, OR CIVIL UNION PARTNERSHIP IS CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND REQUIRES THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S CARE OR CONSTANT PRESENCE;

(C) ON ELECTION DAY, THE ELECTOR IS A MEMBER OF A RELIGION THAT FORBIDS SECULAR ACTIVITY;

(D) ON ELECTION DAY, THE ELECTOR IS EMPLOYED AS A FIRST RESPONDER, MEMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR HEALTH CARE WORKER AND IS UNABLE TO LEAVE THE STATION, POST, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR IS UNABLE TO RETURN TO THE ELECTOR'S HOME COUNTY; OR

(E) EIGHT OR FEWER DAYS BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF THE ELECTION, THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS SUCH AS A NATURAL DISASTER.

(II) UPON RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PROVIDE THE REPLACEMENT BALLOT AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL DURING THE REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF THE OFFICE, TO ANY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ELECTOR.

(III) THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ELECTOR SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REPLACEMENT BALLOT WITH A SIGNATURE, NAME, AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE.

(IV) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a), UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE" MEANS A PERSON WHO POSSESSES A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE ELECTOR CONTAINING THE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, NAME, AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE, INDICATING THAT THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON AFTER THE LAST DAY TO MAIL A BALLOT, AND REQUESTING THAT THE REPLACEMENT BALLOT BE GIVEN TO THE AUTHORIZED PERSON AS IDENTIFIED BY NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE.

(b) ~~A request for a replacement ballot under this section shall be made before 5 p.m. on the day of the election, and the ballot must be returned no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.~~

**SECTION 40.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-205, **repeal** (2)(c) as follows:

**1-7.5-205. Counting mail ballots.** (2) Mail ballots must be counted in one of the following ways:

(c) ~~Ballots that are cast directly on electronic or electromechanical vote-tabulating equipment at a voter service and polling center in lieu of a mail ballot shall be counted in the same manner as provided for the counting of ballots in part 6 of article 5 and parts 4 and 5 of article 7 of this title.~~

**SECTION 41.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-10.5-104 as follows:

**1-10.5-104. Recount for nonpartisan elections not coordinated by county clerk and recorder.** ~~If it appears, as evidenced by the abstract of votes cast that a recount is required for any office, ballot question, or ballot issue, the designated election official shall order a recount of the votes cast for the office, the ballot issue,~~



~~or ballot question no later than the twenty-fifth day after the election. Any recount under this section shall be completed no later than the fortieth day after the election.~~

**SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-10.5-109, **amend** (1) as follows:

**1-10.5-109. Challenge of recount - definition.** (1) (a) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "INTERESTED PARTY" MEANS:

(I) A CANDIDATE, POLITICAL PARTY, OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF A CANDIDATE;

(II) A PETITION REPRESENTATIVE IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-40-113 FOR A BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION;

(III) THE GOVERNING BODY THAT REFERRED A BALLOT QUESTION OR BALLOT ISSUE TO THE ELECTORATE; OR

(IV) THE AGENT OF AN ISSUE COMMITTEE THAT IS REQUIRED TO REPORT CONTRIBUTIONS PURSUANT TO THE "FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT", ARTICLE 45 OF THIS TITLE 1, THAT EITHER SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED A BALLOT QUESTION OR BALLOT ISSUE OF A RACE, QUESTION, OR ISSUE THAT IS BEING RECOUNTED.

~~(a)~~ (a.5) Any interested party ~~that requested~~ TO A REQUIRED OR REQUESTED recount of a county, state, national, or district office of state concern, ~~or any party to such recount~~ that has reasonable grounds to believe that the recount is not being conducted in a fair, impartial, and uniform manner may apply to the district court of the city and county of Denver for an order requiring the county clerk and recorder to stop the recount and to give the secretary of state access to all pertinent election records used in conducting the recount and requiring the secretary of state to conduct the recount. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY EMPLOY ASSISTANTS AND CLERKS AS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE RECOUNT. The county clerk and recorder shall be an official observer during any recount conducted by the secretary of state.

(b) Any interested party ~~that requested~~ TO A REQUIRED OR REQUESTED recount of any other local office, ballot question, or ballot issue ~~or any party to such recount~~ that has reasonable grounds to believe that the designated election official is not conducting the recount in a fair, impartial, and uniform manner may apply to the district court for the political subdivision for an order requiring the designated election official to stop the recount and to give the appropriate official who will take over conducting the recount access to all pertinent election records and requiring the appropriate official to conduct the recount. If the county clerk and recorder is not the designated election official, then the county clerk and recorder is the appropriate official to conduct the recount. If the county clerk and recorder is the designated election official, then the secretary of state is the appropriate official to conduct the recount. THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR COUNTY CLERK MAY EMPLOY ASSISTANTS AND CLERKS AS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE RECOUNT. The designated election official shall be an official observer during any recount conducted pursuant to this subsection (1).

**SECTION 43.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-11-104 as follows:

**1-11-104. Certificates of election for county officers.** Except in the case of offices for which a recount is required, immediately after the final abstract of votes cast for county ~~and precinct~~ officers has been prepared and certified, the county clerk and recorder shall make a certificate of election, or a certificate of nomination in the case of a primary election, for each person declared to be elected or nominated to each office and shall deliver the certificates to that person.

**SECTION 44.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-11-106 as follows:

**1-11-106. Delivery of certified list of results.** Upon the organization of the house of representatives, the secretary of state shall deliver to the speaker of the house a certified list of candidates elected to each state office and of each member elected to the general assembly showing the member's district. If the secretary of state is unable to certify the candidate elected to state office or the member elected to the general assembly from a particular district, the secretary of state shall also deliver a list of the state offices or districts for which no certification may be made. The speaker, upon receipt of the certified list and, if delivered, the list of offices and districts for which no certification may be made and before proceeding to other business, shall open and announce the results in the presence of a majority of the members of both houses of the general assembly, who shall assemble for that purpose in the chamber of the house of representatives. The person having the highest number of votes for any of the offices shall be declared duly elected by the presiding officer of the joint assembly. ~~The two houses on joint ballot shall then resolve any tie votes which are on the certified list of results.~~

**SECTION 45.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-11-204 as follows:

**1-11-204. Contests for presidential elector.** The supreme court OF THIS STATE has original jurisdiction for the adjudication of contests concerning presidential electors and shall prescribe rules for practice and proceedings for such contests. No justice of the court who is a contestor in the election contest shall be permitted to hear and determine the matter. A CONTEST MUST BE FILED WITH THE SUPREME COURT NO LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT A RECOUNT MAY BE ONGOING. THE SUPREME COURT IS REQUIRED TO RULE ON A CONTEST BEFORE THE DEADLINE TO ISSUE AND SUBMIT THE CERTIFICATE OF ASCERTAINMENT PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL "ELECTORAL COUNT REFORM AND PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2022", 3 U.S.C. SEC. 5. THE SUPREME COURT SHALL PRIORITIZE ELECTION CONTESTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS OVER ALL REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE COURT SO THAT ELECTION RESULTS ARE DETERMINED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

**SECTION 46.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-117, **amend** (1) as follows:

**1-12-117. Nomination of successor - ballot certification.** (1) For partisan elections, a candidate to succeed the officer sought to be recalled must meet the qualifications of a party candidate or an unaffiliated candidate as provided in part 8 of article 4 of this title 1 and must be nominated by a political party petition or an unaffiliated petition as provided in part 9 of article 4 of this title 1. Nomination petitions may be circulated beginning the first date on which a protest may be filed and must be filed no later than FIFTEEN CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE FOR

HOLDING THE ELECTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-12-111 FOR STATE RECALL ELECTIONS AND twenty-five calendar days prior to the date for holding the election as provided in section 1-12-111 FOR OTHER RECALL ELECTIONS. If the election is to be held with a general election, nomination petitions must be filed no later than five days prior to the date to certify ballot content for the general election.

**SECTION 47.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-40-121, **repeal** (2)(b) as follows:

**1-40-121. Designated representatives - expenditures related to petition circulation - report - penalty - definitions.** (2) No later than ten days after the date that the petition is filed with the secretary of state, the designated representatives of the proponents must submit to the secretary of state a report that:

~~(b) Includes any other expenditures made by any person or issue committee related to the circulation of petitions for signatures. Such information shall include the name of the person or issue committee and the amount of the expenditure.~~

**SECTION 48.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 1-40-136 as follows:

**1-40-136. Bills enacted in the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly that include an act subject to petition clause - legislative declaration.** (1) (a) The general assembly finds and declares that:

~~(I) The second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly convened on January 8, 2020, and was scheduled to adjourn sine die on May 6, 2020, pursuant to section 8 of article V of the state constitution and Joint Rule 23 (d) of the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives, which deems the constitutional maximum for the legislative session of one hundred twenty calendar days to be one hundred twenty consecutive calendar days;~~

~~(II) Joint Rule 44 (g) of the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives states that the "maximum of one hundred twenty calendar days . . . shall be counted as one hundred twenty separate working calendar days if the Governor has declared a state of disaster emergency";~~

~~(III) On March 10, 2020, the governor declared a disaster emergency due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019, known as "COVID-19", and the public health crisis necessitated the temporary adjournment of the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly;~~

~~(IV) On March 16, 2020, concerned that any legislation enacted after May 6, 2020, could be subject to challenge if Joint Rule 44 (g) were deemed unconstitutional, the general assembly submitted an interrogatory to the Colorado supreme court;~~

~~(V) On April 1, 2020, the Colorado supreme court found in In re: Interrogatory on House Joint Resolution 20-1006, 2020 CO 23 (Colo. 2020), that Joint Rule 44 (g) was constitutional. Consequently, once it reconvenes, the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly may continue for the fifty-two remaining legislative days.~~

~~(VI) The governor has extended the declared disaster emergency several times, which will now expire thirty days from May 7, 2020, and it is likely that the governor's declared disaster emergency will be further extended; and~~

~~(VII) The second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly remained in temporary adjournment until it reconvened on May 26, 2020, which will be counted as the sixty-ninth legislative day. It is uncertain when the general assembly will adjourn sine die, but it could be as late as July 30, 2020, under Joint Rule 44 (g) or later if the body undertakes another temporary adjournment.~~

~~(b) The general assembly further finds and declares that:~~

~~(I) If a bill does not include a safety clause, it is subject to the people's referendum power under section 1 of article V of the state constitution, which provides that a person can file a referendum petition up to ninety days after a general assembly's adjournment sine die to place an act, or an item, section, or part of an act on the ballot at a general election;~~

~~(II) When the seventy-second general assembly commenced its second regular session on January 8, 2020, and until it reconvened on May 26, 2020, the act subject to petition clause specified that if a referendum petition were filed against an act, or an item, section, or part of an act, it would be placed on the ballot for the November 2020 general election;~~

~~(III) The act subject to petition clause implicates two interlocking issues, both of which have constitutional, statutory, and practical dimensions;~~

~~(IV) If a petition is filed within the ninety days allowed by the state constitution, the office of the secretary of state must validate the petition to determine if it is sufficient. Before the election, the office of the secretary of state must also certify the content of the ballot and county clerk and recorders must print and mail ballots in accordance with deadlines set forth in both state and federal law.~~

~~(V) At the same time, the constitution requires legislative council staff to distribute the ballot information booklets, which includes an analysis of each measure placed on the ballot, at least thirty days before the election. This process also involves multiple steps.~~

~~(VI) Because of the delayed adjournment sine die due to COVID-19, there will not be sufficient time after the constitutional deadline to file petitions to meet the deadline in federal law for the distribution of ballots to uniformed and overseas citizens or the deadline in the state constitution for the distribution of the ballot information booklets for the 2020 general election on November 3;~~

~~(VII) Section 1 (4)(a) of article V of the state constitution specifies that "elections on measures initiated by or referred to the people of the state shall be held at the biennial regular general election". While under normal circumstances this is understood to mean the general election that follows the session of the general assembly that passed the bill, the constitution does not specify that the election be held at the next general election.~~

~~(VIII) Because of the delayed adjournment sine die due to COVID-19, and the resulting inability to place bills referred by petition on the ballot for the 2020 general election, it is reasonable to interpret section 1 (4)(a) of article V of the state constitution to mean the November 2022 general election instead of the November 2020 general election;~~

~~(IX) Referencing the November 2022 general election instead of the November 2020 general election preserves the right of referendum, affords the ability to comply with the other statutory and constitutional deadlines for the November 2020 election, and avoids the uncertainty that might come with the risk of legal challenges if this issue is not addressed;~~

~~(X) Amending the act subject to petition clause in each bill could require amending hundreds of pending bills and would require changing the act subject to petition clause in over seventy enacted bills; and~~

~~(XI) It is a more efficient solution to enact this section to address the issue for all bills enacted in the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly.~~

~~(c) The general assembly further finds and declares that:~~

~~(f) The act subject to petition clause in bills that were pending or enacted prior to the temporary adjournment of the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly on March 14, 2020, make reference to August 5, 2020, as the possible effective date of such bills if adjournment sine die was on May 6, 2020; and~~

~~(H) Because the adjournment sine die of the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly was delayed beyond May 6, 2020, this section is intended to reiterate that unless a later date is otherwise specified in the act, the effective date for any act, or an item, section or part of an act with an act subject to petition clause is 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after adjournment sine die, not August 5, 2020.~~

~~(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for any act, item, section, or part of an act that is enacted by bill with an act subject to petition clause during the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly:~~

~~(a) The act, item, section, or part of the act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after adjournment sine die of the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly, unless a later date is otherwise specified in the act; and~~

~~(b) Notwithstanding subsection (2)(a) of this section, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against such an act, item, section, or part of the act within the ninety-day period after adjournment sine die of the second regular session of the seventy-second general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part of the act 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 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.~~

**SECTION 49.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103.7, **add** (5.7) as follows:

**1-45-103.7. Contribution limits - county offices - school district director - treatment of independent expenditure committees - contributions from limited liability companies - voter instructions on spending limits - definitions.** (5.7) A NATURAL PERSON WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, OR A FOREIGN CORPORATION SHALL NOT MAKE ANY DIRECT BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH AN ELECTION ON A BALLOT ISSUE OR BALLOT QUESTION IN THE STATE.

**SECTION 50.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-110, **amend** (2.5), (3.5), and (4) as follows:

**1-45-110. Candidate affidavit - disclosure statement.** (2.5) A candidate seeking reelection does not have to file another disclosure statement required by subsection (2)(a) of this section if the incumbent ~~has~~ filed the annual report required by section 24-6-202 (2) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE INCUMBENT BECAME A CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION.

(3.5) ~~Any complaints~~ IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PROCESS PROVIDED IN LAW OR RULE, ANY PERSON MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE about a candidate not complying with the requirements of this section. ~~shall be treated as a campaign finance complaint pursuant to section 1-45-111.7 (2)(a).~~

(4) Any disclosure statement required by subsection (2) of this section shall be amended no more than thirty days after any termination, ~~or~~ acquisition, OR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE of interests as to which disclosure is required.

**SECTION 51.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-6-202, **amend** (1) introductory portion, (1.5), (2)(a), (2)(f), (3), (5), and (7); **repeal** (1.7), (4), and (6); and **add** (1.3), (8), (9), and (10) as follows:

**24-6-202. Disclosure - contents - filing - false or incomplete filing - penalty.** (1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1.7) of this section, Not later than the January 10 following his or her election, reelection, appointment, or retention in office, written disclosure;~~ OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, EACH OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SHALL FILE AN ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF COLORADO in such form as the secretary of state ~~shall prescribe~~ PRESCRIBES, stating the ~~interests named~~ INFORMATION SPECIFIED in subsection (2) of this section: ~~shall be made to and filed with the secretary of state of Colorado by~~

(1.3) IF AN INDIVIDUAL BEGINS SERVING IN ONE OF THE POSITIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AFTER JANUARY 10 AND HAS NOT FILED A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITHIN THE PREVIOUS THIRTY DAYS, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL FILE A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT NO LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER ASSUMING THE POSITION.

(1.5) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply to any ~~person~~ INDIVIDUAL who is serving in any position ~~noted in said~~ SPECIFIED IN subsection (1) ~~on July 1, 1979~~ OF THIS SECTION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024. IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS SERVING IN OFFICE IN THE

2024 CALENDAR YEAR BUT HAS NOT FILED AN ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL FILE A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2024, OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1.3) OF THIS SECTION, WHICHEVER IS SOONER.

~~(1.7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any person who has timely filed an amended statement with the secretary of state pursuant to subsection (4) of this section is not required to additionally file a disclosure statement satisfying the requirements of subsection (1) of this section by the January 10 following his or her election, reelection, appointment, or retention in office.~~

(2) Disclosure must include the following for the previous calendar year, unless otherwise specified:

(a) The names, and amounts, disclosed as a range ~~included~~ AS PROVIDED in the form prescribed by the secretary of state, of any source or sources of any income, including capital gains, whether or not taxable, of the person making disclosure, the person's spouse, and any minor children residing with the person making the disclosure;

(f) The name of each creditor to whom the person making disclosure, the person's spouse, or the person's minor children owe money in excess of one thousand dollars, including the interest rate and the highest amount owed, disclosed as a range ~~included~~ AS PROVIDED in the form prescribed by the secretary of state, for the calendar year covered in the statement;

(3) Any disclosure statement shall be amended no more than thirty days after any termination, ~~or~~ acquisition, OR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE of interests as to which disclosure is required.

~~(4) (a) Any person required by this section to file a disclosure statement shall, on or before January 10 of each calendar year, file an amended statement with the secretary of state or notify the secretary of state in writing that the person has had no change of condition since the previous filing of a disclosure statement.~~

~~(b) Any incumbent seeking reelection is not required to file a separate disclosure statement required by section 1-45-110 if the incumbent has filed a disclosure statement as required by subsection (4)(a) of this section.~~

~~(5) Each disclosure statement amended statement, or notification that no amendment is required shall be~~ IS public information available to any person upon request during normal working hours AND SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

~~(6) Any person subject to the provisions of this section may elect to file with the secretary of state annually a copy of his federal income tax return and any separate federal income tax return filed by his spouse or minor children residing with him together with a certified statement of any investments held by him, his spouse, or minor children residing with him which are not reflected by the income tax returns in lieu of complying with the provisions of subsections (1) to (4) of this section,~~

~~which tax return and any statement filed under the provisions of this subsection (6) shall be public information.~~

(7) Any person who willfully files a false or incomplete disclosure statement, ~~amendment, or notice that no amendment is required, or who willfully files a false or incomplete copy of any federal income tax return or a false or incomplete certified statement of investments,~~ or who willfully fails to make any filing required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars.

(8) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PROCESS PROVIDED IN LAW OR RULE, INCLUDING ARTICLE XXIX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, ANY PERSON WHO BELIEVES AN OFFICIAL LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE FOLLOWING:

(a) THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE FOR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE; AND

(b) THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(9) UPON RECEIVING A COMPLAINT, THE PERSON OR PERSONS RECEIVING THE COMPLAINT SHALL FOLLOW ANY EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATING ETHICS COMPLAINTS OR VIOLATIONS.

(10) IF AN OFFICIAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT TIMELY FILE THE REQUIRED ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL FORWARD NOTIFICATION TO THE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 52.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-203, **add** (3)(d) as follows:

**24-72-203. Public records open to inspection.** (3) (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, IF THE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTED ARE ELECTION-RELATED AND ARE IN THE CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER BUT ARE IN ACTIVE USE, IN STORAGE, OR OTHERWISE NOT READILY AVAILABLE AT THE TIME A REQUESTER ASKS TO EXAMINE THEM, AND THE REQUEST IS MADE DURING AN ELECTION FOR WHICH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER IS THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY, AT THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S DISCRETION, TAKE ADDITIONAL TIME TO FULFILL THE REQUEST AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(d); EXCEPT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(d) DO NOT APPLY IF THE REQUESTER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS IS A MASS MEDIUM ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-90-119(1)(a), OR A NEWSPERSON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-90-119(1)(c). THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY TAKE ADDITIONAL TIME TO FULFILL THE REQUEST AS FOLLOWS:

(I) DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE SIXTIETH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY



AND CONCLUDING WITH THE DATE BY WHICH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER CERTIFIES THE FINAL OFFICIAL ABSTRACT OF VOTES CAST FOR THE APPLICABLE ELECTION, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR PRODUCTION OF RECORDS UP TO AN ADDITIONAL TEN WORKING DAYS PAST THE SEVEN-DAY EXTENSION ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE EXTENSION TO THE REQUESTER WITHIN THREE WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE REQUEST;

(III) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY NOT EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR PRODUCTION OF ANY RECORD THAT:

(A) IS A LIST OF VOTERS, A LIST OF VOTERS WHO HAVE RETURNED THEIR BALLOTS, OR A LIST OF VOTERS WHO HAVE BALLOTS THAT NEED TO BE CURED; OR

(B) IS NECESSARY FOR AN INTERESTED PARTY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-10.5-106 (1), TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO REQUEST A RECOUNT UNDER SECTION 1-10.5-106, OR TO FACILITATE THE CONDUCT OF A RECOUNT; AND

(IV) A REQUESTER WHOSE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST IS SUBJECT TO THE EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(d)(I) OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 1-1-113 FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TO PRODUCE THE REQUESTED RECORDS OR SHOW CAUSE WHY THE ADDITIONAL EXTENSION PERIOD APPLIES.

**SECTION 53.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-101, **add** (6) as follows:

**1-4-101. Primary elections - when - nominations - expenses - legislative declaration.** (6) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT, FOR THIS SUBSECTION (6), IT INTENDS THAT A GENERAL PROVISION WITH A LATER EFFECTIVE DATE PREVAILS OVER A SPECIFIC PROVISION WITH AN EARLIER EFFECTIVE DATE.

(b) A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY CONDUCT AN ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION USING AN ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY BALLOT ONLY AFTER THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 1-7-1002 (2.5) HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.

**SECTION 54.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-1002, **amend** (1); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

**1-7-1002. Ranked voting methods - report - legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) As used in this part 10, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "FEDERAL OFFICE" MEANS UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, OR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(b) "Local government" means a statutory city or town or a special district created pursuant to article 1 of title 32. ~~C.R.S.~~

(c) "STATE OFFICE" MEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, STATE

SENATOR, REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, STATE TREASURER, SECRETARY OF STATE, ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR GOVERNOR.

(2.5) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT FOR THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), IT INTENDS THAT A GENERAL PROVISION WITH A LATER EFFECTIVE DATE PREVAILS OVER A SPECIFIC PROVISION WITH AN EARLIER EFFECTIVE DATE.

(b) BEFORE A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION CAN USE A RANKED VOTING METHOD FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE MUST CERTIFY THAT:

(I) MUNICIPALITIES IN AT LEAST THREE COUNTIES WITH MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ACTIVE ELECTORS, AT LEAST THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED BUT FEWER THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ACTIVE ELECTORS, AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND BUT FEWER THAN THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ACTIVE ELECTORS, AND FEWER THAN TEN THOUSAND ACTIVE ELECTORS, HAVE COORDINATED WITH THE MUNICIPALITY'S COUNTY CLERK TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION WITH A RANKED VOTING METHOD;

(II) AT LEAST TWO COUNTIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION HAVE A POPULATION OF AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND CITIZENS OR AT LEAST TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF CITIZENS AGED EIGHTEEN YEARS OR OLDER WHO SPEAK ENGLISH LESS THAN VERY WELL, AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU "AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY" OR COMPARABLE CENSUS DATA, AND WHO SPEAK A SHARED LANGUAGE IN THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE;

(III) AT LEAST TWO COUNTIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION HAVE A POPULATION OF TWO THOUSAND NON-WHITE ACTIVE ELECTORS OR AT LEAST TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT NON-WHITE ACTIVE ELECTORS AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU "AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY" OR COMPARABLE CENSUS DATA; AND

(IV) A RISK-LIMITING AUDIT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED FOR EACH MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN THE MUNICIPALITIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION AND HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE CERTIFIED OUTCOMES IN EACH RACE WERE CORRECT.

(c) WHEN ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(b) OF THIS SECTION ARE SATISFIED, AND BEFORE A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION CAN USE A RANKED VOTING METHOD FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT AS PART OF THE SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE AT THE COMMITTEES' HEARINGS HELD PURSUANT TO THE "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2, REGARDING THE IMPACT OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING METHODS AS COMPARED TO ELECTIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH OTHER VOTING METHODS. AS AVAILABLE, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING SPOILAGE OF BALLOTS, UNDERVOTES, RECORD OF USE AND RESULTS OF RISK-LIMITING AUDITS, AND THE IMPACT ON VOTER TURNOUT IN HISTORICALLY UNDER-REPRESENTED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THE DISABLED COMMUNITY, NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING VOTERS, AND NON-WHITE VOTERS.

**SECTION 55.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 30-10-109 as follows:

**30-10-109. Office hours.** All county offices ~~shall~~ **MUST** be kept open for the transaction of county business on the days and during the hours designated by resolution of the board of county commissioners. However, all clerks of court, CLERK AND RECORDERS, and sheriffs ~~shall be~~ **ARE** subject, at all times, to the command of the people, and ~~each thereof~~ shall at all hours, night and day, be prepared to attend such duties as may reasonably be required of them.

**SECTION 56.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-77-109, **repeal as added by Section 13 of Senate Bill 24-230** (2); and **add** (4) as follows:

**24-77-109. Definition of fee - scope - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.** (2) ~~As used in this section, "fee" means any fee charged for remediation services that positively impact the environment, such as the production fee for clean transit imposed pursuant to section 43-4-1204, the production fee for wildlife and land remediation imposed pursuant to section 33-61-103, and the congestion impact fee imposed pursuant to section 43-4-806 (7.6).~~

(4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT:

(a) THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION DIRECTLY AMENDS SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND THAT SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X CONTAINS PROVISIONS OF LAW GOVERNING ELECTION PROCESSES SPECIFIC TO STATE FISCAL MATTERS, INCLUDING VOTER APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS AND BALLOT LANGUAGE THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS FOR CERTAIN MEASURES, AND CONTAINS SUBSECTIONS ENTITLED "ELECTION PROVISIONS" AND "REQUIRED ELECTIONS";

(b) THE AMENDMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WOULD AMEND SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND THAT SUCH AMENDMENT, BY DEFINING A "FEE", IS LIKELY TO IMPACT CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION REQUIREMENTS AND MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES BEING SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS PURSUANT TO ELECTION REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X; AND

(c) THEREFORE, THIS SECTION, BY CONSTRUING AND EFFECTUATING SUCH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, IS A LAW REGARDING ELECTIONS.

**SECTION 57.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-77-109, **repeal as added by Section 14 of Senate Bill 24-230** (2); and **add** (4) as follows:

**24-77-109. Definition of fee - scope - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.** (2) ~~As used in this section, "fee" means any fee charged for remediation services that positively impact the environment, such as the production fee for clean transit imposed pursuant to section 43-4-1204 and the production fee for wildlife and land remediation imposed pursuant to section 33-61-103.~~

(4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT:

(a) THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS

SECTION DIRECTLY AMENDS SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND THAT SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X CONTAINS PROVISIONS OF LAW GOVERNING ELECTION PROCESSES SPECIFIC TO STATE FISCAL MATTERS, INCLUDING VOTER APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS AND BALLOT LANGUAGE THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS FOR CERTAIN MEASURES, AND CONTAINS SUBSECTIONS ENTITLED "ELECTION PROVISIONS" AND "REQUIRED ELECTIONS";

(b) THE AMENDMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WOULD AMEND SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, AND THAT SUCH AMENDMENT, BY DEFINING A "FEE", IS LIKELY TO IMPACT CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION REQUIREMENTS AND MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES BEING SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS PURSUANT TO ELECTION REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X; AND

(c) THEREFORE, THIS SECTION, BY CONSTRUING AND EFFECTUATING SUCH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, IS A LAW REGARDING ELECTIONS.

**SECTION 58.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-306.2, **amend** (4)(b)(I)(B); and **add** (4)(b)(I)(F) as follows:

**30-10-306.2. Commission organization - procedures - transparency - voting requirements.** (4) (b) To ensure transparency in the redistricting process:

(I) (B) Except as provided in ~~subsection (4)(b)(I)(D)~~ SUBSECTIONS (4)(b)(I)(D) AND (4)(b)(I)(F) of this section, a member of the commission shall not communicate with staff or any members of the advisory committee on the mapping of county commissioner districts unless the communication is during a public meeting or hearing of the commission.

(F) STAFF MAY MAKE A COMPLETED PROPOSED PLAN THAT STAFF PREPARED AS A RESULT OF A REQUEST MADE IN A PUBLIC HEARING AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE. IN ADDITION, STAFF MAY COMMUNICATE WITH A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CLARIFY DIRECTIONS THAT WERE GIVEN TO STAFF DURING A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE CREATION OF A PROPOSED PLAN, SO LONG AS STAFF MAKES A RECORD OF THE CONTENT OF THE COMMUNICATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE.

**SECTION 59.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-111, **amend** (1) introductory portion and (2) as follows:

**1-1-111. Powers and duties of governing boards.** (1) In addition to any other duties prescribed by law, the governing board of a political subdivision, OTHER THAN A COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY, entitled to call elections shall have the following duties:

(2) All powers and authority granted to the governing board of a political subdivision, OTHER THAN A COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY, may be exercised by an election official designated by the board. The governing body may also contract with the county clerk and recorder of the county in which the political subdivision is organized to perform all or part of the required duties in conducting the election.

**SECTION 60. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$10,444 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in the highway users tax fund created in section 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

(a) \$576 for the division of motor vehicles for personal services related to vehicle services;

(b) \$7,840 for DRIVES maintenance and support;

(c) \$840 for the executive director's office for personal services related to administration and support; and

(d) \$1,188 for the purchase of information technology services.

(2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$1,188 is appropriated to the office of the governor for use by the office of information technology. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(d) of this section. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation to provide information technology services for the department of revenue.

(3) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$3,654 is appropriated to the department of state for use by the elections division. This appropriation is from the department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for operating expenses related to elections.

**SECTION 61. Effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this act takes effect upon passage.

(2) Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 11 of this act and section 1-4-802 (1)(d)(II) and (1)(f)(II), C.R.S., as amended in section 10 of this act, take effect January 1, 2025.

(3) Sections 53 and 54 of this act take effect March 1, 2026.

(4) Sections 56 and 57 of this act take effect only if Senate Bill 24-230 becomes law, in which case, sections 56 and 57 take effect upon the effective date of this act or Senate Bill 24-230, whichever is later.

**SECTION 62. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Approved: June 6, 2024