

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 2, 2026
Date

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1203 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 6 through 9 and substitute "more,
2 the board of county commissioners ~~may~~ MUST consist either of three
3 members, any two of whom ~~shall~~ constitute a quorum for the transaction
4 of business, or of five members, any three of whom ~~shall~~ constitute a
5 quorum for the transaction of business; EXCEPT".
- 6 Page 3, strike line 1 and substitute "THAT ELECTS MORE THAN HALF OF ITS
7 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY A DISTRICT METHOD OF ELECTION, SUCH THAT
8 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE RESIDENT IN DISTRICTS AND ARE
9 ELECTED BY VOTERS RESIDENT IN THOSE DISTRICTS."
- 10 Page 3, strike lines 2 through 9 and substitute:
- 11 "(b) If the board consists of three commissioners, they ~~shall~~ MUST
12 be elected as provided in subsection (2) of this section ~~and as provided in~~
13 ~~section 30-10-306.7 (5), C.R.S.~~ BY DISTRICT ONLY, IN WHICH THE THREE
14 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESIDENT IN THREE DISTRICTS ARE ELECTED BY
15 VOTERS RESIDENT IN THOSE DISTRICTS.
- 16 (c) In any county having a population of seventy thousand or
17 more, the membership of the board of county commissioners may be
18 increased from three to five members pursuant to ~~section 30-10-306.5;~~
19 ~~C.R.S., or decreased from five to three members pursuant to section~~
20 ~~30-10-306.7 (2)(a)(H), C.R.S.~~ SECTION 30-10-306.8."
- 21 Page 7, line 21, strike "AT LARGE BY A RANKED VOTING METHOD" and
22 substitute "BY A COMBINATION OF AT-LARGE AND BY-DISTRICT VOTING
23 METHODS".

1 Page 8, line 25, strike "~~three or~~" and substitute "three or".

2 Page 9, line 19, after "~~section 30-10-306.7~~" insert "SECTION 1-4-205
3 (3)(b) OR".

4 Page 10, strike line 8 and substitute "COMMISSIONERS MAY BE INCREASED
5 FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.5) OF THIS".

6 Page 10, line 9, strike "THE" and substitute "IF THE BOARD CONSISTS OF
7 FIVE MEMBERS, THE".

8 Page 10, strike line 13 and substitute:

9 "(b) BY A COMBINATION OF AT-LARGE AND BY-DISTRICT VOTING
10 METHODS, AS DESCRIBED IN".

11 Page 10, after line 14 insert:

12 "(1.5) (a) IN ANY COUNTY HAVING A POPULATION OF SEVENTY
13 THOUSAND OR MORE WHOSE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSISTS
14 OF THREE MEMBERS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL
15 ADOPT A RESOLUTION INCREASING ITS MEMBERSHIP TO FIVE MEMBERS AND
16 DESIGNATING THE TWO ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ELECTING ITS FIVE
17 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (4) OF THIS
18 SECTION. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PASS THE
19 RESOLUTION AT ITS FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IN EACH
20 DECENNIAL CENSUS YEAR.

21 (b) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL REFER THE
22 RESOLUTION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO THE
23 REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY AT THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION
24 FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION SO THAT THE VOTERS MAY CHOOSE WHETHER
25 TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
26 TO FIVE MEMBERS AND, IF INCREASED, WHICH OF THE TWO ALTERNATIVE
27 METHODS OF ELECTING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE VOTERS PREFER.

28 (c) IF A MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST ARE IN FAVOR OF THE REFERRED
29 RESOLUTION DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1.5), THE BOARD OF COUNTY
30 COMMISSIONERS SHALL TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THE INCREASED
31 NUMBER OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE ELECTED AT THE NEXT GENERAL
32 ELECTION ACCORDING TO THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE REFERRED
33 RESOLUTION THAT RECEIVED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST."

34 Page 10, line 16, strike "MORE," and substitute "MORE WHOSE BOARD OF
35 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSISTS OF FIVE MEMBERS,".

1 Page 10, line 21, strike "2027 OR ITS FIRST REGULARLY" and substitute
2 "2027."

3 Page 10, strike lines 22 through 24.

4 Page 11, line 25, strike "EIGHT" and substitute "FIVE".

5 Page 14, strike lines 7 through 27 and substitute:

6 "(4)(a) THREE COMMISSIONERS RESIDENT IN THREE DISTRICTS AND
7 ELECTED BY VOTERS RESIDENT IN THOSE DISTRICTS AND TWO
8 COMMISSIONERS ELECTED AT LARGE.

9 (b) (I) IF THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION AFTER THE ADOPTION OF
10 THE AT-LARGE AND BY-DISTRICT COMBINATION METHOD OF ELECTION SET
11 FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS HELD IN 2028 OR ANY FOURTH YEAR
12 THEREAFTER, TWO MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT AND ONE
13 MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED AT LARGE TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS AT THAT
14 ELECTION. ONE MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT AND ONE MEMBER
15 MUST BE ELECTED AT LARGE AT THAT ELECTION TO TWO-YEAR TERMS
16 UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, AT WHICH THOSE TWO MEMBERS
17 MUST BE ELECTED TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS BY THEIR RESPECTIVE ELECTION
18 METHOD. THEREAFTER, TWO MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT
19 AND ONE MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED AT LARGE AT THE GENERAL
20 ELECTIONS THAT OCCUR EVERY FOUR YEARS AFTER THE FIRST GENERAL
21 ELECTION FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE COMBINATION METHOD OF
22 ELECTION; AND TWO MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED, ONE BY DISTRICT AND
23 ONE AT LARGE, AT THE GENERAL ELECTIONS THAT OCCUR EVERY FOUR
24 YEARS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION THAT OCCURS TWO YEARS AFTER
25 THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE
26 AT-LARGE AND BY-DISTRICT COMBINATION METHOD OF ELECTION.

27 (II) IF THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE
28 AT-LARGE AND BY-DISTRICT COMBINATION METHOD OF ELECTION SET
29 FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS HELD IN 2030 OR ANY FOURTH YEAR
30 THEREAFTER, ONE MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT AND ONE
31 MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED AT LARGE TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS AT THAT
32 ELECTION. TWO MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT AND ONE
33 MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED AT LARGE AT THAT ELECTION TO TWO-YEAR
34 TERMS UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, AT WHICH THOSE THREE
35 MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS BY THEIR RESPECTIVE
36 ELECTION METHOD. THEREAFTER, ONE MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED BY
37 DISTRICT AND ONE MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED AT LARGE AT THE GENERAL
38 ELECTIONS THAT OCCUR EVERY FOUR YEARS AFTER THE FIRST GENERAL
39 ELECTION FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE COMBINATION METHOD OF

1 ELECTION; AND TWO MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT AND ONE
2 MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED AT LARGE AT THE GENERAL ELECTIONS THAT
3 OCCUR EVERY FOUR YEARS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION THAT OCCURS
4 TWO YEARS AFTER THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION FOLLOWING THE
5 ADOPTION OF THE AT-LARGE AND BY-DISTRICT COMBINATION METHOD OF
6 ELECTION.

7 (III) BY MARCH 1 OF THE YEAR OF THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION
8 AFTER THE VOTERS' SELECTION OF THE AT-LARGE AND BY-DISTRICT
9 COMBINATION METHOD OF ELECTION DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4),
10 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL DESIGNATE THE BY
11 DISTRICT AND AT-LARGE POSITIONS FROM WHICH A COMMISSIONER IS TO
12 BE ELECTED TO AN INITIAL TWO-YEAR TERM AS DESCRIBED IN THIS
13 SUBSECTION (4)(b).".

14 Page 15, strike lines 1 through 25.

15 Page 16, strike lines 8 through 14 and substitute "THIS SECTION IF THE
16 HOME RULE COUNTY ELECTS MORE THAN HALF OF ITS COUNTY
17 COMMISSIONERS BY A DISTRICT METHOD OF ELECTION, SUCH THAT THE
18 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE RESIDENT IN DISTRICTS AND ARE ELECTED
19 BY VOTERS RESIDENT IN THOSE DISTRICTS.".

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