

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Colorado

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 45 of article V, as follows:

Section 45. General assembly.

- (1) The general assembly shall consist of THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EACH ELECTED BY A SYSTEM OF BALLOTING AND PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.
- (2) THE SENATE SHALL BE ELECTED USING THE SAME BALLOTING METHOD AS THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REPRESENT SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS.
- (3) THE HOUSE SHALL BE ELECTED USING THE BALLOTING AND TALLY METHOD DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 7 TO REPRESENT FIVE MEMBER DISTRICTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TEN GEOGRAPHICALLY LARGEST DISTRICTS WHICH MAY REMAIN SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS, ALTERNATIVELY ANY OF THE TEN LARGEST DISTRICTS MAY COMBINE TO FORM A TWO MEMBER DISTRICT IN THE EVENT THAT A SMALLER DISTRICT IS WITHIN IT AS MITIGATED BY A CORRESPONDING CHANGE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF FOR THE GEOGRAPHICALLY LARGEST 5 MEMBER DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section X of article X, as follows:

Section X.

(1) The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, member of the state board of education, regent of the University of Colorado SHALL BE ELECTED USING THE SAME BALLOTING METHOD AS THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REPRESENT SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS.

(2) THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOARD OF REGENTS, STATUTORY COUNTIES, AND SCHOOL BOARDS MAY ADOPT PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION BY SIMPLE MAJORITY. THE BALLOTING PROCESS THEY SHALL USE MUST MIRROR THE METHOD USED BY THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 4. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section X of article X, as follows:

Section X.

(1) REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED STATE SENATE SHALL BE ELECTED USING THE SAME BALLOTING METHOD AS THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REPRESENT ONE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW.

(2) REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED STATE CONGRESS SHALL BE ELECTED PROPORTIONALLY USING THE SAME BALLOTING METHOD AS THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BALLOTS AND PROPORTIONALITY EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER FEDERAL LAW FOR TO REPRESENT THREE TO FIVE MEMBER DISTRICTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TWO GEOGRAPHICALLY LARGEST DISTRICTS WHICH MAY REMAIN SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS.

(3) IN THE EVENT THAT THE BALLOTING METHOD USED FOR THE STATE HOUSE IS NOT PERMITTED TO ELECT SENATE OR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS, THE BALLOTING USED SHALL AS NEARLY MATCH THE STATE HOUSE AS POSSIBLE. NO FEDERAL BODY BALLOTING LIMITATIONS SHALL ALTER THE STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BALLOTING.

SECTION 5. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 46 of article V, **amend** (2), as follows:

Section 46. Senatorial and representative districts – commission created.

(2) Legislative districts--commission created. There is hereby created the independent legislative redistricting commission. The commission shall divide the state into congressional, senatorial and representative districts as described in sections 2 and 3. After each federal decennial census, the congressional districts, the senatorial districts and the representative shall be established, revised, or altered, and the members of the congress, the senate, and the house of representatives apportioned among them, by the independent legislative redistricting commission.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-502, **amend** (1) and **add** (1.5) AND (1.6) as follows:

1-4-502. Methods of nomination for partisan candidates.

(1) Nominations for United States senator, representative in congress, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, member of the state board of education, regent of the university of Colorado, member of the general assembly FOR STATE

SENATE AND STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS, district attorney, and all county officers to be elected at the general election may only be made by assembly or convention under section 1-4-702 by political parties, by petition for nomination as provided in section 1-4-802 by unaffiliated candidates.,

(1.5) NOMINATIONS FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS IN STATEWIDE OFFICES MAY BE MADE FOR UP TO THREE CANDIDATES FOR EACH MAJOR PARTY AND ONLY ONE FOR EACH MINOR PARTY. NOMINATIONS FOR MULTI MEMBER DISTRICTS IN STATEWIDE RACES MAY BE MADE FOR UP TO FOUR CANDIDATES FOR EACH MAJOR PARTY AND UP TO TWO FOR EACH MINOR PARTY.

(1.6) IF RELEVANT JURISDICTIONS HAVE ADOPTED PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION, NOMINATIONS FOR MULTI MEMBER DISTRICTS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOARD OF REGENTS, STATUTORY COUNTY OFFICES AND SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES MAY BE MADE FOR UP TO FOUR CANDIDATES FOR EACH MAJOR PARTY AND UP TO TWO FOR EACH MINOR PARTY.

SECTION 7. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section X of article X, as follows:

Section X. – commission created.

(1) Balloting--commission created. THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE INDEPENDENT BALLOTING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE INTERESTS OF THE VOTERS OF COLORADO ARE BEST SERVED BY EITHER PICK-ONE BALLOTS WITH AN OPEN LIST PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

TALLY OR RANKED METHOD BALLOTS WITH SINGLE TRANSFERRABLE VOTE TALLY AS CURRENTLY DESCRIBED IN RULE 26.

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPRISED IN A MANNER THAT MIRRORS THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE. IT SHALL INCLUDE CURRENT OR FORMER COUNTY CLERKS AND THREE TENURED PROFESSORS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. THERE SHALL BE AN APPLICATION AND A SCREENING PANEL. THERE SHALL BE BALANCED PARTISAN AND UNAFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP. THE COMMITTEE SHALL USE CLEAR CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COMPETENCE IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION, NO RECENT LOBBYING OR CANDIDACY. THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO HOLD ONLY PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRODUCE FINDINGS IN WRITING, AND HAVE A JUDICIALLY REVIEWABLE RECORD.