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**HOUSE BILL 19-1278**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101    **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS OF THE**  
102            **"UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992", AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103            **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill makes changes to the "Uniform Election Code of 1992" (code), including changes to procedures for voter registration, ballot access requirements, political party organization filing requirements, procedures for emergency and in-person voting, requirements for the content of an election plan, procedures for curing ballots, and

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requirements for curing recall petitions. The formulas and hours for drop boxes and voter service and polling centers are revised. The bill allows a 17-year-old who is preregistered and who will be 18 on the date of the next general election to vote in a primary, and allows a person to seek a court order to keep polling locations open past the regular closing time on election day when voting at or access to a polling location has been substantially impaired. The bill makes additional technical changes and corrections to the code.

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

2           **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the  
3 "Colorado Votes Act".

4           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend**  
5 (9.8); and **add** (9.7) as follows:

6           **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context  
7 otherwise requires:

8           (9.7) "DROP BOX" MEANS A SECURE RECEPTACLE ESTABLISHED TO  
9 RECEIVE MAIL BALLOTS TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY. THE TERM DOES NOT  
10 INCLUDE A MAIL BALLOT BOX MAINTAINED AT A VOTER SERVICE AND  
11 POLLING CENTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-102.9 (3)(1) OR A DROP-OFF  
12 LOCATION.

13           (9.8) "Drop-off location" means a location established for the  
14 receipt of mail ballots ~~as specified in section 1-5-102.9 (4)~~ UNDER THE  
15 SUPERVISION OF A MUNICIPAL CLERK, ELECTION JUDGES, A COUNTY CLERK  
16 AND RECORDER OR A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S  
17 STAFF, A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, OR ANOTHER PERSON  
18 DESIGNATED BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AS REQUIRED BY  
19 THIS CODE. The term does not include A mail ballot ~~boxes~~ BOX maintained  
20 at A voter service and polling ~~centers~~ CENTER pursuant to section  
21 1-5-102.9 (3)(1) OR A DROP BOX.

1           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-101, **add** (2)(c)  
2 as follows:

3           **1-2-101. Qualifications for registration - preregistration.**

4           (2) (c) A PERSON PREREGISTERED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (2) WHO IS  
5 SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON THE DATE OF A PRIMARY ELECTION OR  
6 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND WHO WILL BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF  
7 AGE ON THE DATE OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IS ENTITLED TO VOTE  
8 IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

9           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-202.5, **amend**  
10 (3)(a)(I)    as follows:

11           **1-2-202.5. Online voter registration - online changes in elector**  
12 **information.** (3) The electronic voter registration form must include:

13           (a) (I) The questions "Are you a citizen of the United States of  
14 America?", "Are you at least sixteen years of age?", **and** "Do you  
15 understand that you must be at least SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AND TURNING  
16 EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE NEXT GENERAL  
17 ELECTION TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION, AND AT LEAST  
18 eighteen years of age OLD to be eligible to vote IN ANY OTHER  
19 ELECTION?", "Have you resided in Colorado for at least twenty-two days  
20 immediately prior to the election?", "Do you reside in the precinct in  
21 which you intend to register?", "Is the address you have listed your sole  
22 legal place of residence for purposes of voting?", and "Do you affirm that  
23 you will not cast more than one ballot in any election?" and places for the  
24 elector to input answers to the questions.

25              **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-2-203  
26 as follows:

27           **1-2-203. Registration on Indian reservations.** (1) The secretary

1 or secretary's designee of any tribal council of an Indian tribe located on  
2 a federal reservation ~~that has no municipality contained within the~~  
3 ~~reservation~~ serves as a deputy registrar only for registration purposes for  
4 the county in which the reservation is located. ~~The secretary of the tribal~~  
5 ~~council or the secretary's designee shall take registrations only in the~~  
6 ~~tribal council headquarters.~~ The secretary of the tribal council or the  
7 secretary's designee shall register any eligible elector residing in any  
8 precinct in the county who ~~appears in person in the office of the~~ PROVIDES  
9 A COMPLETE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION TO THE secretary of the  
10 tribal council at any time during which registration is permitted in the  
11 office of the county clerk and recorder. The secretary of the tribal council  
12 shall forward the registration records to the county clerk and recorder,  
13 either in person or by certified mail, on or before the fifteenth day of each  
14 month; except that, within twenty-two days before an election, the  
15 secretary of the tribal council shall appear in person or transmit daily to  
16 deliver any registration records to the county clerk and recorder. Within  
17 eight days before an election, the secretary of the tribal council shall  
18 accept an application and inform the applicant that he or she must go to  
19 a voter service and polling center in order to vote in that election.

20 (2) AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO LIVES ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION,  
21 BUT WHO DOES NOT HAVE A RESIDENCE ADDRESS RECOGNIZED BY THE  
22 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE USING, AS HIS  
23 OR HER RESIDENCE ADDRESS, THE ADDRESS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
24 HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OTHER ADDRESS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY  
25 OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL.

26 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-204, **amend**  
27 (2)(f.5) as follows:

1           **1-2-204. Questions answered by elector - rules.** (2) In addition,  
2 each elector shall correctly answer the following:

3           (f.5) ~~In the case of an elector who has been issued a current and~~  
4 ~~valid Colorado driver's license,~~ The elector's CURRENT AND VALID  
5 Colorado driver's license number, ~~If, instead of a driver's license, the~~  
6 ~~elector has been issued a current and valid identification card by the~~  
7 ~~department of revenue in accordance with part 3 of article 2 of title 42,~~  
8 ~~C.R.S., the elector shall provide~~ the number of the CURRENT AND VALID  
9 identification card ~~If the elector has not been issued a current and valid~~  
10 ~~Colorado driver's license or identification card, the elector shall answer~~  
11 ~~that he or she does not have a driver's license or identification card and~~  
12 ~~shall provide~~ ISSUED TO THE ELECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF  
13 ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 42, OR the last four digits of the elector's social  
14 security number. If the elector does not have a social security number OR  
15 A CURRENT AND VALID COLORADO DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION  
16 CARD, the elector shall answer that he or she does not have a social  
17 security number OR A CURRENT AND VALID COLORADO DRIVER'S LICENSE  
18 OR IDENTIFICATION CARD.

19           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-205, **amend as**  
20 **it will become effective July 1, 2019,** (2) as follows:

21           **1-2-205. Self-affirmation made by elector.** (2) Each elector  
22 making application for registration or preregistration shall make the  
23 following self-affirmation: "I, ..., affirm that I am a citizen of the United  
24 States; I have been a resident of ~~the state of~~ Colorado for at least  
25 twenty-two days immediately ~~prior to~~ BEFORE an election ~~in which I~~  
26 intend to vote IN; ~~and~~ I am at least sixteen years old; and I understand that  
27 I must be AT LEAST SEVENTEEN AND TURNING EIGHTEEN ON OR BEFORE

1 THE DATE OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A  
2 PRIMARY ELECTION, AND AT LEAST eighteen years old to be eligible to  
3 vote IN ANY OTHER ELECTION. I further affirm that my present address as  
4 stated herein THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS I PROVIDED is my sole legal place  
5 of residence. that I claim no other place as my legal residence, and that I  
6 understand that I am committing a felony if I knowingly give false  
7 information regarding my place of present residence. I certify under  
8 penalty of perjury that I meet the registration or preregistration  
9 qualifications of this state; that the information I have provided on this  
10 application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that I have  
11 not, nor will I, cast more than one ballot in any election.

12 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-227, **amend** (2)  
13 as follows:

14 **1-2-227. Custody and preservation of records.** (2) The voter  
15 information provided by a preregistrant who will not turn eighteen years  
16 of age by the date of the next election shall be kept confidential in the  
17 same manner as, and using the programs developed for, information that  
18 is kept confidential pursuant to section 24-72-204 (3.5). ~~C.R.S.~~ Nothing  
19 in this subsection (2) shall be construed to require any request,  
20 application, or fee for such confidentiality. When the preregistrant will be  
21 eighteen years of age on the date of the next election, OR ON JANUARY 1  
22 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PREREGISTRANT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN  
23 ANY PRIMARY ELECTION UNDER SECTION 1-2-101 (2)(c), such information  
24 is no longer confidential under this subsection (2).

25 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-301, **add** (6) as  
26 follows:

27 **1-2-301. Centralized statewide registration system - secretary**

1 **of state to maintain computerized statewide voter registration list -**  
2 **county computer records - agreement to match information -**  
3 **definition.** (6) BY JULY 1, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL, IN  
4 CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDERS, FURTHER DEVELOP  
5 THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE TO MINIMIZE WAIT TIMES  
6 AT POLLING LOCATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL  
7 DEVELOP THE DATABASE TO:

- 8 (a) STREAMLINE THE VOTER CHECK-IN PROCESS; AND
- 9 (b) PROVIDE A SIMPLE AND INTUITIVE USER INTERFACE FOR  
10 ELECTION JUDGES AT VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS.

11 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-402, **amend** (2)  
12 and (3) as follows:

13 **1-2-402. Registration by high school deputy registrars - rules.**

14 (2) The high school deputy registrar may register OR PREREGISTER any  
15 student, employee of the school, other person who attends school  
16 functions, or any other person who is eligible to register OR PREREGISTER  
17 to vote. Voter registration may be made available only when the school  
18 is open for classes or any other school or community function. The high  
19 school deputy registrar shall take registrations OR PREREGISTRATIONS only  
20 on school district premises.

21 (3) A high school deputy registrar may have available an official  
22 application form for voter registration for each student who is eighteen  
23 years of age or who will be eighteen years of age at the time of the next  
24 election. A HIGH SCHOOL DEPUTY REGISTRAR MAY HAVE AVAILABLE AN  
25 OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM FOR PREREGISTRATION FOR EACH STUDENT  
26 WHO IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

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1           **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-403, **amend** (2),  
2 (3)(a), and (4) as follows:

3           **1-2-403. Training and registration materials for high school**  
4 **deputy registrars - processing applications.** (2) The county clerk and  
5 recorder shall issue sufficient ~~registration~~ materials to each high school  
6 deputy registrar for the registration OR PREREGISTRATION of all eligible  
7 students, employees, and other persons at the high school which the high  
8 school deputy registrar serves. The high school deputy registrar shall give  
9 a receipt to the county clerk and recorder for all materials issued.

10           (3)(a) The high school deputy registrar shall stamp the application  
11 for registration OR PREREGISTRATION with a validation stamp and provide  
12 the applicant with a receipt verifying the ~~registration~~ application.

13           (4) Upon receipt of an application, the county clerk and recorder  
14 shall determine if the application is complete. If the county clerk and  
15 recorder determines that the application is complete, the applicant shall  
16 be deemed registered OR PREREGISTERED as of the date of application. If  
17 the county clerk and recorder determines that the application is not  
18 complete, the county clerk and recorder shall notify the applicant, stating  
19 the additional information required. The applicant shall be deemed  
20 registered OR PREREGISTERED as of the date of application when the  
21 additional information is provided any time prior to the actual voting.

22           **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-101, **amend** (1)  
23 as follows:

24           **1-3-101. Party affiliation required - residence.** (1) (a) In order  
25 to vote at any precinct caucus, assembly, or convention of a political  
26 party, the elector must be a resident of the precinct for twenty-two days,  
27 must be registered to vote no later than twenty-two days before the



1 caucus, assembly, or convention, and must be affiliated with the political  
2 party holding the caucus, assembly, or convention for at least twenty-two  
3 days as shown in the statewide voter registration system; except that any  
4 registered elector who has attained the age of eighteen years or who has  
5 become a naturalized citizen during the twenty-two days immediately  
6 preceding the meeting may vote at any caucus, assembly, or convention  
7 even though the elector has been affiliated with the political party for less  
8 than twenty-two days. A PREREGISTRANT WHO IS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF  
9 AGE ON THE DATE OF A CAUCUS AND WHO WILL BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF  
10 AGE ON THE DATE OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION MAY VOTE AT THE  
11 CAUCUS.

12 (b) IF AN ELECTOR DESIRES TO VOTE AT A PRECINCT CAUCUS BUT  
13 THE ELECTOR'S ELIGIBILITY CANNOT BE VERIFIED UPON EXAMINATION OF  
14 THE LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
15 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE ELECTOR SHALL COMPLETE AN  
16 AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO THE FACTS ESTABLISHING THE ELECTOR'S  
17 ELIGIBILITY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES  
18 PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND CONTENT OF THE AFFIDAVIT.

19 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-102, **amend**  
20 (1)(a)(III) as follows:

21 **1-3-102. Precinct caucuses.** (1) (a) (III) In a year in which a  
22 presidential election will be held, a political party may, by decision of its  
23 state central committee, hold its precinct caucuses on the first Saturday  
24 following the presidential primary election. The committee shall notify  
25 the secretary of state and the clerk and recorder of each county in the state  
26 of the decision ~~within five days after the decision~~ ON OR BEFORE JANUARY  
27 2 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD.

1           **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-3-103, **amend** (7)  
2 as follows:

3           **1-3-103. Party committees.** (7) No later than thirty days after the  
4 organizational meetings authorized by this section, the secretary of each  
5 party central committee prescribed by this section shall file with the  
6 ~~secretary of state~~ STATE PARTY a list of the names, addresses, and  
7 telephone numbers of each of the officers elected, together with a list of  
8 the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the vacancy committee  
9 selected. ~~NOLATER THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE ORGANIZATIONAL~~  
10 ~~MEETINGS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION, THE STATE PARTY SHALL FILE~~  
11 ~~WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE A COMPILED LIST OF ALL THE OFFICERS~~  
12 ~~ELECTED AND VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS SELECTED ALONG WITH~~  
13 ~~THEIR ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS.~~

14           **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-303, **amend** (1)  
15 as follows:

16           **1-4-303. Nomination of unaffiliated candidates - fee.** (1) No  
17 later than 3 p.m. on the ninetieth day before the general election, a person  
18 who desires to be an unaffiliated candidate for the office of president or  
19 vice president of the United States ~~WHO HAS NOT SUBMITTED A PETITION~~  
20 ~~FOR NOMINATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-802~~ shall submit to the  
21 secretary of state ~~either~~ a notarized candidate's statement of intent  
22 together with a nonrefundable filing fee of one thousand dollars ~~or a~~  
23 ~~petition for nomination pursuant to the provisions of section 1-4-802~~ and  
24 shall include ~~either on the petition or~~ with the filing fee the names of  
25 registered electors who are thus nominated as presidential electors. The  
26 acceptance of each of the electors ~~shall~~ **MUST** be endorsed as appended to  
27 the first or last page of ~~the nominating petition or~~ the filing fee.

1           **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-502, **amend**  
2 (3)(a) and (3)(c) as follows:

3           **1-4-502. Methods of nomination for partisan candidates.**

4 (3) For general elections:

5           (a) The nomination of a major political party for lieutenant  
6 governor shall be made by the party's candidate for governor. No later  
7 than seven days ~~following the primary election~~ AFTER THE OFFICIAL  
8 STATEWIDE ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION ARE  
9 CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-10-105 (1), the party's candidate for  
10 governor shall select a candidate for lieutenant governor. Other  
11 nominations for the office of lieutenant governor may be made by petition  
12 for nomination of an unaffiliated candidate as provided in section 1-4-802  
13 or by a minor political party as provided in section 1-4-1304 (2).

14           (c) Any person nominated as the candidate for lieutenant governor  
15 of a major political party pursuant to subsection (3)(a) of this section shall  
16 file a written acceptance with the secretary of state by mail or hand  
17 delivery. The written acceptance must be postmarked or received by the  
18 secretary of state within thirty days after the ~~primary election~~  
19 NOMINATION. If an acceptance is not filed within the required time, the  
20 candidate is deemed to have declined the nomination, and the nomination  
21 must be treated as a vacancy to be filled as provided in part 10 of this  
22 article 4.

23           **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-602, **amend** (5)  
24 as follows:

25           **1-4-602. Delegates to party assemblies - definition.** (5) As used  
26 in this section, "delegate" means a person who is a registered elector, has  
27 been a resident of the precinct for ~~thirty~~ TWENTY-TWO days prior to the

1 caucus, and has been affiliated with the political party holding the caucus  
2 for at least ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO DAYS, as shown in the statewide  
3 voter registration system; except that any registered elector who has  
4 attained the age of eighteen years during the ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO  
5 DAYS immediately preceding the caucus or any registered elector who has  
6 become a naturalized citizen during the ~~two months~~ TWENTY-TWO DAYS  
7 immediately preceding the caucus may be a delegate even though the  
8 elector has been affiliated with the political party for less than ~~two months~~  
9 TWENTY-TWO DAYS as shown in the statewide voter registration system.  
10 A delegate who moves from the precinct where registered during the  
11 ~~twenty-nine~~ TWENTY-ONE days prior to any caucus is ineligible to serve  
12 as a delegate from that precinct.

13 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-801, **amend**  
14 (2)(a), (2)(b), (2)(c)(II), and (6); and **add** (2)(a.5), (2)(b.5), (2)(c.5), and  
15 (2)(c.7) as follows:

16 **1-4-801. Designation of party candidates by petition.** (2) The  
17 signature requirements for the petition are as follows:

18 (a) Every petition in the case of a candidate for any county office  
19 must be signed by electors eligible to vote within the county  
20 commissioner district or political subdivision for which the officer is to  
21 be elected. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)(e) of this  
22 section, the petition ~~must require signers equal in number to twenty~~  
23 ~~percent of~~ REQUIRES THE LESSER OF ONE THOUSAND SIGNERS OR SIGNERS  
24 EQUAL IN NUMBER TO TEN PERCENT OF the votes cast in the political  
25 subdivision at the contested or uncontested primary election for the  
26 political party's candidate for the office for which the petition is being  
27 circulated or, if there was no primary election, at the last preceding

1 general election for which there was a candidate for the office.  
2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an unaffiliated elector is not  
3 eligible to sign a petition for a candidate of a major political party.

4 (a.5) EVERY PETITION IN THE CASE OF A CANDIDATE FOR A  
5 MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MEMBER  
6 OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, OR  
7 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
8 FOR A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MUST BE SIGNED BY ELIGIBLE ELECTORS  
9 RESIDENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE OFFICER IS TO BE ELECTED.  
10 THE PETITION REQUIRES THE LESSER OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
11 SIGNERS OR SIGNERS EQUAL IN NUMBER TO TEN PERCENT OF THE VOTES  
12 CAST IN THE DISTRICT AT THE CONTESTED OR UNCONTESTED PRIMARY  
13 ELECTION FOR THE POLITICAL PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE FOR  
14 WHICH THE PETITION IS BEING CIRCULATED OR, IF THERE WAS NO PRIMARY  
15 ELECTION, AT THE LAST PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION FOR WHICH THERE  
16 WAS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE.

17 (b) Every petition in the case of a candidate for member of the  
18 general assembly ~~district attorney~~, or any district office greater than a  
19 county office ~~shall~~ MUST be signed by eligible electors resident within the  
20 district for which the officer is to be elected. The petition ~~shall require~~  
21 REQUIRES the lesser of one thousand signers or signers equal to thirty  
22 percent of the votes cast in the district at the contested or uncontested  
23 primary election for the political party's candidate for the office for which  
24 the petition is being circulated or, if there was no primary election, at the  
25 last preceding general election for which there was a candidate for the  
26 office.

27 (b.5) EVERY PETITION IN THE CASE OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE

1 OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY MUST BE SIGNED BY ELIGIBLE ELECTORS  
2 RESIDENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE OFFICER IS TO BE ELECTED.  
3 THE PETITION REQUIRES THE LESSER OF ONE THOUSAND SIGNERS OR  
4 SIGNERS EQUAL IN NUMBER TO TEN PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE  
5 DISTRICT AT THE CONTESTED OR UNCONTESTED PRIMARY ELECTION FOR  
6 THE POLITICAL PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE FOR WHICH THE  
7 PETITION IS BEING CIRCULATED OR, IF THERE WAS NO PRIMARY ELECTION,  
8 AT THE LAST PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION FOR WHICH THERE WAS A  
9 CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE.

10 (c) (II) ~~On and after January 1, 1999,~~ Every petition in the case of  
11 a candidate for ~~an office to be filled by vote of the electors of the entire~~  
12 ~~state shall~~ THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OR THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES  
13 SENATOR MUST be signed by at least one thousand five hundred eligible  
14 electors in each congressional district.

15 (c.5) EVERY PETITION IN THE CASE OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE  
16 OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR STATE  
17 TREASURER MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND ELIGIBLE  
18 ELECTORS IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

19 (c.7) EVERY PETITION IN THE CASE OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE  
20 OFFICE OF AN AT-LARGE SEAT ON EITHER THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
21 OR THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO MUST BE  
22 SIGNED BY AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN EACH  
23 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

24 (6) A candidate for a presidential primary election shall not begin  
25 circulating petitions before the first Monday in November of the year  
26 preceding the year in which the presidential primary election is held. A  
27 candidate must file a petition no later than the ~~second day of January in~~

1 ~~the year of~~ EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF the presidential  
2 primary election.

3 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-802, **amend**  
4 (1)(c) as follows:

5 **1-4-802. Petitions for nominating minor political party and**  
6 **unaffiliated candidates for a partisan office.** (1) Candidates for  
7 partisan public offices to be filled at a general or congressional vacancy  
8 election who do not wish to affiliate with a major political party may be  
9 nominated, other than by a primary election or a convention, in the  
10 following manner:

11 (c) Every petition for the office of president and vice president,  
12 for statewide office, for congressional district office, for the office of  
13 member of the general assembly, for district attorney, and for county  
14 office ~~shall~~ MUST be signed by eligible electors residing within the district  
15 or political subdivision in which the officer is to be elected. Except as  
16 otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, the number of  
17 signatures of eligible electors on a petition ~~shall be~~ IS as follows:

18 (I) At least ~~five thousand~~ ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED IN EACH  
19 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT for the office of president and vice president;

20 (II) (A) ~~The lesser of one thousand or two percent of the votes~~  
21 ~~cast for all candidates for that office in the most recent general election~~  
22 ~~for any statewide office~~ AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND \_\_\_\_\_ IN EACH  
23 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF  
24 STATE, ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR TREASURER, OR THE OFFICE OF UNITED  
25 STATES SENATOR;

26 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 (B) AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1 FOR THE OFFICE OF AN AT-LARGE SEAT ON EITHER THE STATE BOARD OF  
2 EDUCATION OR THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
3 COLORADO;

4 (III) The lesser of ~~eight hundred~~ ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
5 or two AND ONE-HALF percent of the votes cast in the congressional  
6 district in the most recent general election for the office of member of the  
7 United States house of representatives, member of the state board of  
8 education for a congressional district, or member of the board of regents  
9 of the university of Colorado for a congressional district;

10 (IV) The lesser of ~~six hundred~~ ONE THOUSAND or ~~two~~ THREE AND  
11 ONE-THIRD percent of the votes cast in the senate district in the most  
12 recent general election for the office of member of the state senate;

13 (V) The lesser of ~~four hundred~~ ONE THOUSAND or ~~two~~ FIVE  
14 percent of votes cast in the house district in the most recent general  
15 election for the office of member of the state house of representatives;

16 (VI) The lesser of ~~six hundred fifty~~ ONE THOUSAND or ~~two~~ THREE  
17 percent of the votes cast in the district in the most recent general election  
18 for the office of district attorney; and

19 (VII) The lesser of ~~seven hundred fifty~~ ONE THOUSAND or two  
20 percent of the votes cast for all candidates for that office in the most  
21 recent general election for any county office.

22 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-4-806 as  
23 follows:

24 **1-4-806. Preregistrants eligible to sign petitions.** A  
25 PREREGISTRANT WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION UNDER  
26 SECTION 1-2-101 (2)(c) IS ELIGIBLE TO SIGN A PETITION UNDER THIS PART  
27 8 TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION OR FOR THE



1 NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

2 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-905, **amend** (1)  
3 and (2); and **add** (4), (5), (6), and (7) as follows:

4 **1-4-905. Circulators - requirements - affidavits - notarization**  
5 **- training.** (1) ~~No~~ A person shall NOT circulate a petition to nominate a  
6 candidate unless the person is ~~a resident of the state~~, a citizen of the  
7 United States AND at least eighteen years of age. ~~and, for partisan~~  
8 ~~candidates, registered to vote and affiliated with the political party~~  
9 ~~mentioned in the petition at the time the petition is circulated, as shown~~  
10 ~~in the statewide voter registration system.~~

11 (2) (a) ~~To~~ Each petition section ~~shall be~~ MUST HAVE attached a  
12 signed, notarized, and dated affidavit executed by the person who  
13 circulated the petition section, which ~~shall~~ MUST include: The affiant's  
14 printed name, the address at which the affiant resides, including the street  
15 name and number, the city or town, the county, and the date of signature;  
16 A STATEMENT THAT THE AFFIANT HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE LAWS  
17 GOVERNING THE CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS; a statement that the affiant  
18 was ~~a resident of the state~~, a citizen of the United States and at least  
19 eighteen years of age at the time the section of the petition was circulated  
20 and signed by the listed electors; a statement that the affiant circulated the  
21 section of the petition; a statement that each signature on the petition  
22 section WAS AFFIXED IN THE AFFIANT'S PRESENCE AND is the signature of  
23 the person whose name it purports to be; a statement that to the best of the  
24 affiant's knowledge and belief each of the persons signing the petition  
25 section was, at the time of signing, an eligible elector; ~~and~~ a statement  
26 that the affiant has not paid or will not in the future pay and that the  
27 affiant believes that no other person has paid or will pay, directly or

1 indirectly, any money or other thing of value to any signer for the purpose  
2 of inducing or causing the signer to sign the petition; A STATEMENT THAT  
3 THE AFFIANT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE AFFIANT CAN BE PROSECUTED FOR  
4 VIOLATING THE LAW GOVERNING THE CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS,  
5 INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE AFFIANT TRUTHFULLY  
6 COMPLETED THE AFFIDAVIT AND THAT EACH SIGNATURE THEREON WAS  
7 AFFIXED IN THE AFFIANT'S PRESENCE; AND A STATEMENT THAT THE  
8 AFFIANT UNDERSTANDS THAT FAILING TO MAKE HIMSELF OR HERSELF  
9 AVAILABLE TO BE DEPOSED AND TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY IN THE EVENT OF  
10 A PROTEST SHALL INVALIDATE THE PETITION SECTION IF IT IS CHALLENGED  
11 ON THE GROUNDS OF CIRCULATOR FRAUD.

12 (b) (I) A NOTARY PUBLIC SHALL NOT NOTARIZE AN AFFIDAVIT  
13 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS:

14 (A) THE CIRCULATOR IS IN THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF THE  
15 NOTARY PUBLIC;

16 (B) THE CIRCULATOR HAS DATED THE AFFIDAVIT AND FULLY AND  
17 ACCURATELY COMPLETED ALL OF THE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE  
18 AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION; AND

19 (C) THE CIRCULATOR PRESENTS A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION AS  
20 DEFINED IN SECTION 1-1-104 (19.5).

21 (II) AN AFFIDAVIT THAT IS NOTARIZED IN VIOLATION OF ANY  
22 PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS INVALID.

23 (III) IF THE DATE SIGNED BY A CIRCULATOR ON AN AFFIDAVIT  
24 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS DIFFERENT FROM  
25 THE DATE SIGNED BY THE NOTARY PUBLIC, THE AFFIDAVIT IS INVALID. IF  
26 A NOTARY PUBLIC NOTARIZES AN AFFIDAVIT THAT HAS NOT BEEN DATED  
27 BY THE CIRCULATOR, THE NOTARIZATION DATE DOES NOT CURE THE

1 CIRCULATOR'S FAILURE TO DATE THE AFFIDAVIT AND THE AFFIDAVIT IS  
2 INVALID.

3 (4) (a) AS PART OF ANY COURT PROCEEDING OR HEARING  
4 CONDUCTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR DESIGNATED ELECTION  
5 OFFICIAL RELATED TO A PROTEST OF ALL OR PART OF A PETITION SECTION,  
6 THE CIRCULATOR OF SUCH PETITION SECTION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE  
7 HIMSELF OR HERSELF AVAILABLE TO BE DEPOSED AND TO TESTIFY IN  
8 PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS PERMITTED UNDER THE  
9 COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN  
10 SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE PETITION SECTION THAT IS THE  
11 SUBJECT OF THE PROTEST SHALL BE INVALID IF A CIRCULATOR FAILS TO  
12 COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a)  
13 FOR ANY PROTEST THAT INCLUDES AN ALLEGATION OF CIRCULATOR FRAUD  
14 THAT IS PLED WITH PARTICULARITY REGARDING:

- 15 (I) FORGERY OF AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE;
- 16 (II) CIRCULATION OF A PETITION SECTION, IN WHOLE OR PART, BY  
17 ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PERSON WHO SIGNS THE AFFIDAVIT ATTACHED  
18 TO THE PETITION SECTION;
- 19 (III) USE OF A FALSE CIRCULATOR NAME OR ADDRESS IN THE  
20 AFFIDAVIT; OR
- 21 (IV) PAYMENT OF MONEY OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE TO ANY  
22 PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDUCING THE PERSON TO SIGN THE  
23 PETITION.

24 (b) UPON THE FINDING BY A DISTRICT COURT, THE SECRETARY OF  
25 STATE, OR THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL THAT THE CIRCULATOR OF  
26 A PETITION SECTION IS UNABLE TO BE DEPOSED OR TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL OR  
27 A HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR DESIGNATED

1 ELECTION OFFICIAL BECAUSE THE CIRCULATOR HAS DIED, BECOME  
2 MENTALLY INCOMPETENT, OR BECOME MEDICALLY INCAPACITATED AND  
3 PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO TESTIFY BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER, THE  
4 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO  
5 INVALIDATE A PETITION SECTION CIRCULATED BY THE CIRCULATOR.

6 (5) A CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE SHALL MAINTAIN A  
7 LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL CIRCULATORS WHO  
8 CIRCULATED PETITION SECTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATE, THE  
9 NOTARIES PUBLIC WHO NOTARIZED PETITION SECTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE  
10 CANDIDATE, AND THE PETITION SECTION NUMBERS THAT EACH  
11 CIRCULATOR CIRCULATED AND THAT EACH NOTARY PUBLIC NOTARIZED.  
12 A COPY OF THE LIST SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR  
13 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL ALONG WITH THE PETITION. IF A COPY OF  
14 THE LIST IS NOT FILED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR DESIGNATED  
15 ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL PREPARE THE LIST AND CHARGE THE  
16 PROPONENTS A FEE TO COVER THE ACTUAL COST OF THE PREPARATION.  
17 ONCE FILED OR PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR DESIGNATED  
18 ELECTION OFFICIAL, THE LIST IS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR PURPOSES OF  
19 ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.

20 (6) (a) A CIRCULATOR WHO IS NOT TO BE PAID FOR CIRCULATING  
21 A PETITION SHALL DISPLAY AN IDENTIFICATION BADGE THAT INCLUDES THE  
22 WORDS "VOLUNTEER CIRCULATOR" IN BOLD-FACED TYPE THAT IS  
23 CLEARLY LEGIBLE.

24 (b) A CIRCULATOR WHO IS TO BE PAID FOR CIRCULATING A  
25 PETITION SHALL DISPLAY AN IDENTIFICATION BADGE THAT INCLUDES THE  
26 WORDS "PAID CIRCULATOR" IN BOLD-FACED TYPE THAT IS CLEARLY  
27 LEGIBLE AND THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE INDIVIDUAL

1 EMPLOYING THE CIRCULATOR.

2 (7) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEVELOP CIRCULATOR  
3 TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PAID AND VOLUNTEER CIRCULATORS AND SHALL  
4 OFFER THE TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER  
5 AVAILABLE. A CANDIDATE, COMMITTEE, OR PETITION ENTITY SHALL  
6 INFORM PAID AND VOLUNTEER CIRCULATORS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF  
7 THESE TRAINING PROGRAMS AS ONE MANNER OF COMPLYING WITH THE  
8 REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THE CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT THAT A  
9 CIRCULATOR READ AND UNDERSTAND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO PETITION  
10 CIRCULATION.

11 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-4-905.5 as  
12 follows:

13 **1-4-905.5. Petition entities - requirements - violations -**  
14 **definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

15 (a) "CANDIDATE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
16 SECTION 2 (2) OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

17 (b) "CANDIDATE COMMITTEE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET  
18 FORTH IN SECTION 2 (3) OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

19 (c) "PETITION ENTITY" MEANS ANY PERSON OR COMMITTEE THAT  
20 PROVIDES **PAYMENT** TO A CIRCULATOR TO CIRCULATE A PETITION TO  
21 NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.

22 (2) (a) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PETITION ENTITY TO PROVIDE  
23 **PAYMENT** TO A CIRCULATOR TO CIRCULATE A PETITION TO NOMINATE A  
24 CANDIDATE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A LICENSE FROM THE SECRETARY  
25 OF STATE.

26 (b) (I) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY DENY A LICENSE IF HE OR  
27 SHE FINDS THAT THE PETITION ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS PRINCIPALS HAVE

1 BEEN FOUND, IN A JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, TO HAVE  
2 AUTHORIZED OR KNOWINGLY PERMITTED ANY OF THE ACTS SET FORTH IN  
3 SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (II) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DENY A LICENSE IF NO  
5 CURRENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PETITION ENTITY HAS COMPLETED THE  
6 TRAINING RELATED TO POTENTIAL FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES IN PETITION  
7 CIRCULATION AS ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN  
8 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-4-905 (7).

9 (c) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REVOKE A PETITION ENTITY'S  
10 LICENSE IF, AT ANY TIME AFTER RECEIVING A LICENSE, THE PETITION  
11 ENTITY IS DETERMINED TO NO LONGER BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
12 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION OR IF  
13 THE PETITION ENTITY AUTHORIZED OR KNOWINGLY PERMITTED:

14 (I) FORGERY OF A REGISTERED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE;

15 (II) CIRCULATION OF A PETITION SECTION, IN WHOLE OR PART, BY  
16 ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CIRCULATOR WHO SIGNS THE AFFIDAVIT  
17 ATTACHED TO THE PETITION SECTION;

18 (III) USE OF A FALSE CIRCULATOR NAME OR ADDRESS IN THE  
19 AFFIDAVIT;

20 (IV) PAYMENT OF MONEY OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE TO ANY  
21 PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDUCING THE PERSON TO SIGN OR  
22 WITHDRAW HIS OR HER NAME FROM A PETITION; OR

23 (V) A NOTARY PUBLIC'S NOTARIZATION OF A CIRCULATOR  
24 AFFIDAVIT OUTSIDE OF THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF THE CIRCULATOR OR  
25 WITHOUT THE PRODUCTION OF THE REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION FOR  
26 NOTARIZATION OF A PETITION SECTION.

27 (3) (a) WHENEVER THE SECRETARY OF STATE BELIEVES THAT A

1 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
2 MAY INVESTIGATE THE VIOLATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ALSO  
3 INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION UPON A SIGNED  
4 COMPLAINT FROM ANY PERSON.

5 (b) IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE DENIES, REVOKES, SUSPENDS, OR  
6 IMPOSES A CONDITION ON A LICENSE, THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE IS  
7 ENTITLED TO TIMELY NOTICE AND HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE  
8 4 OF TITLE 24.

9 (c) IF, AFTER A HEARING, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FINDS THAT AN  
10 UNLICENSED PETITION ENTITY CIRCULATED A PETITION IN VIOLATION OF  
11 THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL FINE THE PETITION ENTITY  
12 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CIRCULATOR  
13 FOR EACH DAY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS CIRCULATED  
14 PETITION SECTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE UNLICENSED PETITION ENTITY.

15 (d) IF, AFTER A HEARING, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FINDS THAT A  
16 PETITION ENTITY VIOLATED A PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS  
17 SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL REVOKE THE ENTITY'S LICENSE FOR NOT  
18 LESS THAN NINETY DAYS OR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS.  
19 UPON FINDING ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF  
20 SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL REVOKE THE  
21 PETITION ENTITY'S LICENSE FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY  
22 DAYS OR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSIDER ALL  
23 CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE VIOLATIONS IN FIXING THE LENGTH  
24 OF THE REVOCATIONS.

25 (e) IF, AFTER A HEARING, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FINDS THAT A  
26 PETITION ENTITY VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (5) OF  
27 THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL FINE THE PETITION ENTITY IN AN

1 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

2 (f) A PETITION ENTITY WHOSE LICENSE HAS BEEN REVOKED MAY  
3 APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON EXPIRATION OF THE  
4 TERM OF REVOCATION.

5 (g) IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO REINSTATE A LICENSE, THE  
6 SECRETARY OF STATE MAY CONSIDER:

7 (I) THE ENTITY'S OWNERSHIP BY, EMPLOYMENT OF, OR CONTRACT  
8 WITH ANY PERSON WHO SERVED AS A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OWNER, OR  
9 PRINCIPAL OF A PETITION ENTITY WHOSE LICENSE WAS REVOKED UNDER  
10 THIS SECTION OR SECTION 1-40-135, THE ROLE OF SUCH INDIVIDUAL IN THE  
11 FACTS UNDERLYING THE PRIOR LICENSE REVOCATION, AND THE ROLE OF  
12 SUCH INDIVIDUAL IN A PETITION ENTITY'S POST-REVOCATION ACTIVITIES;  
13 AND

14 (II) ANY OTHER FACTS THE ENTITY CHOOSES TO PRESENT TO THE  
15 SECRETARY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REMEDIAL STEPS, IF ANY,  
16 THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO AVOID FUTURE ACTS THAT WOULD  
17 VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE 4 OR ARTICLE 40 OF THIS TITLE 1.

18 (4) (a) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ISSUE A DECISION ON ANY  
19 APPLICATION FOR A NEW OR REINSTATED LICENSE WITHIN TEN BUSINESS  
20 DAYS AFTER A PETITION ENTITY FILES AN APPLICATION. THE APPLICATION  
21 MUST BE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY AND MUST INCLUDE,  
22 AT A MINIMUM:

23 (I) THE NAME OF ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR  
24 WHICH A PETITION WILL BE CIRCULATED BY CIRCULATORS COORDINATED  
25 OR PAID BY THE PETITION ENTITY;

26 (II) THE CURRENT NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND  
27 ELECTRONIC-MAIL ADDRESS OF THE PETITION ENTITY; AND



1 (III) THE NAME AND SIGNATURE OF THE DESIGNATED AGENT OF  
2 THE PETITION ENTITY FOR THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE.

3 (b) A PETITION ENTITY SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
4 WITHIN TWENTY DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED  
5 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (c) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CHARGE A NONREFUNDABLE  
7 LICENSE FEE FOR EACH APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
8 24-21-104 (3).

9 (5) A PETITION ENTITY SHALL ENSURE THAT A PETITION  
10 CIRCULATED BY THE ENTITY IS DELIVERED TO THE CANDIDATE OR  
11 CANDIDATE COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN THREE DAYS BEFORE THE  
12 DEADLINE FOR THE CANDIDATE TO FILE THE PETITION.

13 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY CREATE A SINGLE APPLICATION  
14 AND LICENSE, AND CHARGE A SINGLE FEE, FOR ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THIS  
15 SECTION AND SECTION 1-40-135.

16 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-908, **add** (2.5)  
17 and (4) as follows:

18 **1-4-908. Review of petition - signature verification -**  
19 **notification - cure - rules.** (2.5) IF, WHILE VERIFYING A SIGNER'S  
20 INFORMATION AGAINST THE REGISTRATION RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE  
21 WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE DESIGNATED ELECTION  
22 OFFICIAL FINDS THAT THE SIGNER PROVIDED HIS OR HER MAILING ADDRESS  
23 RATHER THAN HIS OR HER RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REQUIRED UNDER  
24 SECTION 1-4-904 (3), THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL MAY ACCEPT  
25 THE SIGNATURE LINE AS VALID IF THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL IS  
26 ABLE TO LOCATE THE SIGNER'S RECORD IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER  
27 REGISTRATION DATABASE AND DETERMINE THAT THE SIGNER WAS

1 ELIGIBLE TO SIGN THE PETITION.

2 (4) IF A PARTISAN CANDIDATE WHO SUBMITTED A CANDIDATE  
3 PETITION FOR REVIEW ACCESSES THE BALLOT BY ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE  
4 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL DECLARES THE PETITION SUFFICIENT OR  
5 INSUFFICIENT, THE CANDIDATE MUST IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE  
6 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL. UPON RECEIVING NOTIFICATION, THE  
7 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL CEASE REVIEW AND SHALL  
8 CONSIDER THE PETITION TO HAVE NEVER BEEN SUBMITTED.

9 SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-912, amend (2);  
10 and repeal (1) as follows:

11 1-4-912. Cure - rules. (1) ~~If a petition for nominating an~~  
12 ~~unaffiliated candidate is determined to be insufficient, it may be amended~~  
13 ~~once no later than 3 p.m. on the eighty-fifth day before the general~~  
14 ~~election or 3 p.m. on the sixty-seventh day before an election that is not~~  
15 ~~being held concurrently with the general election. If a petition for~~  
16 ~~nominating an unaffiliated candidate is amended, the designated election~~  
17 ~~official shall notify the candidate of whether the petition is sufficient or~~  
18 ~~insufficient no later than the seventy-fifth day before the general election.~~

19 (2) During the review of any major or minor party candidate's  
20 petition that is required to be filed with the secretary of state's office, the  
21 secretary of state shall notify the candidate of any errors and  
22 insufficiencies regarding circulator affidavits. Upon the receipt of such  
23 a notification, the candidate has five calendar days from the date of  
24 receipt of the notice to cure the errors and insufficiencies described in the  
25 notice. To cure a circulator affidavit, the candidate must provide the  
26 secretary of state with a new circulator affidavit that corrects the errors of  
27 the previously submitted affidavit.

1           **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1005, **amend**  
2 (3)(c)(I) as follows:

3           **1-4-1005. Vacancies in major party nomination occurring**  
4 **from the day after primary election day through the earliest day to**  
5 **mail general election ballots.** (3) (c) (I) The designation and acceptance  
6 of the person selected to fill the vacancy must be submitted to the  
7 designated election official no later than three days from either the date  
8 of the vacancy committee meeting or from the date of appointment by the  
9 state chair pursuant to subsection (3)(b)(IV) of this section, as applicable;  
10 except that such certification must in all cases be submitted no later than  
11 the sixty-fourth day before the date of the ~~primary~~ GENERAL election.

12           **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1204, **repeal**  
13 (1)(a); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

14           **1-4-1204. Names on ballots.** (1) Not later than sixty days before  
15 the presidential primary election, the secretary of state shall certify the  
16 names and party affiliations of the candidates to be placed on any  
17 presidential primary election ballots. The only candidates whose names  
18 shall be placed on ballots for the election shall be those candidates who:

19           (a) ~~Are eligible to receive payments pursuant to the federal~~  
20 ~~"Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act", 26 U.S.C. sec.~~  
21 ~~9031 et seq., or any successor section of federal law, at the time~~  
22 ~~candidates' names are to be certified by the secretary of state pursuant to~~  
23 ~~this subsection (1);~~

24           (1.5) NO LATER THAN THE SIXTY-FIFTH DAY BEFORE THE  
25 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, A PERSON WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN  
26 QUALIFIED TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT MAY FILE WITH THE SECRETARY  
27 OF STATE AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE PERSON IS NOT A CANDIDATE

1 FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
2 REQUESTING THAT THE PERSON'S NAME NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF  
3 NAMES CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
4 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT  
5 INCLUDE IN THE LIST THE NAME OF A PERSON WHO TIMELY FILES AN  
6 AFFIDAVIT.

7 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-1206 as  
8 follows:

9 **1-4-1206. Presidential primary ballots - survey of returns.**

10 Each county clerk and recorder shall survey all returns received from the  
11 presidential primary election in all county precincts ~~as provided in this~~  
12 ~~title, and shall certify the results of the presidential primary election to the~~  
13 ~~secretary no later than thirteen days after the election~~ IN ACCORDANCE  
14 WITH ARTICLE 10 OF THIS TITLE 1.

15 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1207, **amend**  
16 (2) and (3) as follows:

17 **1-4-1207. Election results - certification - pledging of**  
18 **delegates.** (2) The secretary shall certify the results and percentages  
19 calculated pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to the state  
20 chairperson and the national committee of each political party which had  
21 at least one candidate on ~~the~~ ITS presidential primary election ballot.

22 (3) Each political party shall use the results of the election ~~results~~  
23 ~~to allocate all national delegate votes to the presidential primary candidate~~  
24 ~~receiving the highest number of votes and to bind members of the state's~~  
25 ~~delegation to vote for that candidate at the party's national convention~~ IN  
26 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARTY'S STATE AND NATIONAL RULES.

27 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1303, **amend**

1 (1)(b) and (2)(b) as follows:

2 **1-4-1303. Qualifications to nominate by constitution or**  
3 **bylaws.** (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, a  
4 minor political party qualifies as a minor political party if the party  
5 satisfies the requirements of section 1-4-1302 or any one of the following  
6 conditions:

7 (b) One thousand or more registered electors are affiliated with  
8 the minor political party prior to ~~July~~ APRIL 1 of the election year for  
9 which the minor political party seeks to nominate candidates.

10 (2) A minor political party shall continue to be qualified as a  
11 minor political party if:

12 (b) One thousand or more registered electors are affiliated with  
13 the minor political party prior to ~~July~~ APRIL 1 in either of the last two  
14 preceding general elections for which the party seeks to nominate  
15 candidates.

16 **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-102.9, **amend**  
17 (1)(a), (1)(b)(I), (1)(c)(I)(G), (1)(c)(I)(H), (1)(c)(II), (1)(d), (2), and (3.5);  
18 **repeal** (4); and **add** (1)(b.5), (1)(b.7), (1)(c)(I)(I), (1)(c)(I.5), (1)(c)(III),  
19 (5), and (6) as follows:

20 **1-5-102.9. Voter service and polling centers - number required**  
21 **- services provided - drop-off locations.** (1) (a) For general elections,  
22 each county clerk and recorder shall designate a minimum number of  
23 voter service and polling centers, as follows:

24 (I) FOR COUNTIES WITH AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND  
25 ACTIVE ELECTORS:

26 (A) DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE FIFTEENTH DAY BEFORE THE  
27 ELECTION TO THE FIFTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, AT LEAST ONE VOTER

1 SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER FOR EACH SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND  
2 ACTIVE ELECTORS;

3 (B) DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE FOURTH DAY BEFORE THE  
4 ELECTION TO THE SECOND DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, AT LEAST ONE  
5 VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER FOR EACH TWENTY THOUSAND  
6 ACTIVE ELECTORS; AND

7 (C) ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION AND ON ELECTION DAY, AT  
8 LEAST ONE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER FOR EACH TWELVE  
9 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ACTIVE ELECTORS.

10 (H) (II) For counties with at least twenty-five THIRTY-SEVEN  
11 thousand FIVE HUNDRED BUT FEWER THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY  
12 THOUSAND active electors:

13 (A) During the period ~~designated for early voting~~ FROM THE  
14 FIFTEENTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION TO THE FIFTH DAY BEFORE THE  
15 ELECTION, at least one voter service and polling center for each ~~thirty~~  
16 SEVENTY-FIVE thousand active electors; except that there must be at least  
17 one voter service and polling center in each such county; ~~and~~

18 (B) ~~On election day~~ DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE FOURTH DAY  
19 BEFORE THE ELECTION TO THE    DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, at least one  
20 voter service and polling center for ~~every fifteen~~ EACH TWENTY thousand  
21 active electors; ~~but no fewer than three in each such county.~~ AND

22 (C) ON    ELECTION DAY, AT LEAST ONE VOTER SERVICE AND  
23 POLLING CENTER FOR EACH TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ACTIVE  
24 ELECTORS.

25 (H) (III) For counties with at least ten thousand but fewer than  
26 twenty-five THIRTY-SEVEN thousand FIVE HUNDRED active electors:

27 (A) During the period ~~designated for early voting~~ FROM THE

1 FIFTEENTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION TO THE [REDACTED] DAY BEFORE THE  
2 ELECTION, at least one voter service and polling center; and

3 (B) On [REDACTED] election day, at least three voter service and polling  
4 centers.

5 ~~(HH)~~ (IV) For counties with fewer than ten thousand active  
6 electors, DURING THE FIFTEEN-DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE  
7 DAY OF THE ELECTION, AT LEAST ONE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING  
8 CENTER.

9 ~~(A) During the period designated for early voting, at least one~~  
10 ~~voter service and polling center; and~~

11 ~~(B) On election day, at least one voter service and polling center.~~

12 (b) (I) ~~On and after November 8, 2016,~~ For the purposes of  
13 ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTIONS (1)(a) AND (5) OF THIS  
14 SECTION, the number of active electors in a county is the number of active  
15 electors registered in the county on the date of the previous presidential  
16 election OR ON THE DATE OF THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS  
17 GREATER.

18 (b.5) (I) FOR A GENERAL ELECTION, [REDACTED] A COUNTY CLERK AND  
19 RECORDER SHALL DESIGNATE A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER ON  
20 THE CAMPUS OF A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOCATED  
21 WITHIN THE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

22 (A) DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE FIFTEENTH DAY BEFORE THE  
23 ELECTION TO THE SECOND DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, ONE VOTER  
24 SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER ON EACH CAMPUS THAT HAS TEN  
25 THOUSAND OR MORE ENROLLED STUDENTS; AND

26 (B) ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION AND ON ELECTION DAY,  
27 ONE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER ON EACH CAMPUS THAT HAS

1 TWO THOUSAND OR MORE ENROLLED STUDENTS.

2 (II) IN A COUNTY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OR (1)(a)(II)  
3 OF THIS SECTION, A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER DESIGNATED IN  
4 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.5) MAY COUNT TOWARD THE  
5 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION. IN ALL  
6 OTHER COUNTIES, A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER DESIGNATED IN  
7 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.5) MUST BE IN ADDITION TO  
8 THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (III) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL CONFER WITH A  
10 STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ABOUT THE LOCATION FOR A  
11 VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER DESIGNATED ON A CAMPUS.

12 (IV) A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER DESIGNATED UNDER  
13 THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.5) ON A CAMPUS THAT HAS TWENTY THOUSAND OR  
14 MORE ENROLLED STUDENTS ON JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION  
15 MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN THE STUDENT CENTER UNLESS SUCH  
16 PLACEMENT CREATES AN UNDUE BURDEN FOR THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
17 EDUCATION.

18 (V) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.5), THE NUMBER OF  
19 ENROLLED STUDENTS AT A CAMPUS IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ALL  
20 FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, GRADUATE, AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, NOT  
21 INCLUDING STUDENTS SOLELY REGISTERED FOR ONLINE COURSES AND  
22 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT STUDENTS, DURING THE FALL SEMESTER OF  
23 THE YEAR OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ELECTION ACCORDING TO DATA  
24 COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE DATA TO THE  
26 SECRETARY OF STATE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH GENERAL  
27 ELECTION YEAR; EXCEPT THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION



1 SHALL PROVIDE THE DATA FOR THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2018 TO THE  
2 SECRETARY OF STATE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2019. THE SECRETARY  
3 OF STATE SHALL DETERMINE FROM THE DATA WHICH CAMPUSES MEET THE  
4 ENROLLMENT THRESHOLDS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

5 (VI) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.5), "CAMPUS" MEANS ANY  
6 COLLECTION OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS OWNED OR USED  
7 BY A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO REGULARLY PROVIDE  
8 STUDENTS WITH EDUCATION, HOUSING, OR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES. IF ONE OR  
9 MORE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHARE BUILDINGS OR  
10 GROUNDS, OR IF THE CAMPUSES OF ONE OR MORE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF  
11 HIGHER EDUCATION ARE ADJACENT OR OTHERWISE CONNECTED, THE  
12 SHARED OR CONNECTED BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS CONSTITUTE A SINGLE  
13 CAMPUS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.5).

14 (b.7) FOR A GENERAL ELECTION, AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRIBAL  
15 COUNCIL OF AN INDIAN TRIBE LOCATED ON A FEDERAL RESERVATION  
16 WHOSE HEADQUARTERS ARE WITHIN THE COUNTY'S BOUNDARIES, A  
17 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL DESIGNATE A VOTER SERVICE AND  
18 POLLING CENTER WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RESERVATION ON THE  
19 DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY AND ON ELECTION DAY. A REQUEST UNDER  
20 THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.7) MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED  
21 EIGHTY DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.

22 (c) (I) In designating voter service and polling center locations  
23 pursuant to this subsection (1), each county clerk and recorder shall  
24 consider the following factors to address the needs of the county:

25 (G) Use of public buildings that are known to electors in the  
26 county, especially to the extent that using such buildings results in cost  
27 savings compared to other potential locations; and

1 (H) When private locations are considered or designated as voter  
2 service and polling centers in accordance with section 1-5-105 (3),  
3 methods and standards to ensure the security of voting conducted at such  
4 locations; AND

5 (I) PROXIMITY TO HISTORICALLY UNDER-REPRESENTED  
6 COMMUNITIES.

7 (I.5) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER WHO REQUESTS THE USE OF  
8 A PUBLIC BUILDING THAT RECEIVES FUNDING FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES  
9 TO DESIGNATE AS A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER OR DROP BOX  
10 SITE SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER OTHER USES OF THE BUILDING. THE  
11 APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY FOR THE BUILDING MAY CHARGE THE CLERK AND  
12 RECORDER A REASONABLE RENTAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED THE USUAL  
13 RENTAL RATE FOR THE BUILDING.

14 (II) In designating voter service and polling centers, a county clerk  
15 and recorder shall solicit public comments. THE COUNTY CLERK AND  
16 RECORDER SHALL POST A NOTICE SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT NO LATER  
17 THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND SHALL  
18 ACCEPT COMMENTS THROUGH THE ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH DAY BEFORE  
19 THE ELECTION.

20 (III) (A) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL NOT DESIGNATE  
21 A POLICE STATION, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OR TOWN MARSHAL'S OFFICE AS A  
22 VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER; EXCEPT THAT A COUNTY CLERK  
23 AND RECORDER MAY DESIGNATE AS A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING  
24 CENTER A MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING THAT INCLUDES A POLICE STATION,  
25 SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OR TOWN MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

26 (B) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY APPLY TO THE  
27 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF

1 SUBSECTION (1)(c)(III)(A) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
2 FINDS THAT THERE IS NOT ANOTHER EQUIVALENT SITE FOR A VOTER  
3 SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER NEARBY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL  
4 GRANT THE WAIVER.

5 (d) Each county clerk and recorder shall submit the proposed voter  
6 service and polling center locations to the secretary of state as part of the  
7 ~~mail ballot~~ ELECTION plan.

8 (2) Voter service and polling centers must be open, at a minimum,  
9 for the fifteen-day period prior to and including the day of the election  
10 ~~except that voter service and polling centers are not required to be open~~  
11 ~~on Sundays~~ AS FOLLOWS:

12 (a) IN A COUNTY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-5-102.9 (1)(a)(I) OR  
13 (1)(a)(II):

14 (I) DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE FIFTEENTH DAY BEFORE THE  
15 ELECTION TO THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, VOTER SERVICE AND  
16 POLLING CENTERS MUST BE OPEN CONTINUOUSLY AT LEAST FROM 8 A.M.  
17 TO 5 P.M.; EXCEPT THAT VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS ARE NOT  
18 REQUIRED TO BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS OR ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THIS  
19 PERIOD.

20 (II) ON ELECTION DAY, VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS  
21 MUST BE OPEN CONTINUOUSLY FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

22 (b) IN ALL OTHER COUNTIES:

23 (I) DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE FIFTEENTH DAY BEFORE THE  
24 ELECTION TO THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, VOTER SERVICE AND  
25 POLLING CENTERS MUST BE OPEN DURING THE NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS  
26 FOR THE COUNTY; EXCEPT THAT VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS  
27 ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS OR ON THE FIRST SATURDAY

1 OF THIS PERIOD, AND MUST BE OPEN FOR AT LEAST FOUR HOURS  
2 CONTINUOUSLY ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THIS PERIOD.

3 (II) ON ELECTION DAY, VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS  
4 MUST BE OPEN CONTINUOUSLY FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

5  
6 (3.5) If an elector desires to vote by casting a ballot at a voter  
7 service and polling center but there are technical problems accessing the  
8 centralized statewide voter registration system maintained pursuant to  
9 SECTION 1-2-301 at the voter service and polling center, ~~and his or her~~  
10 THE ELECTOR SHALL BE ALLOWED TO OBTAIN AND CAST A REPLACEMENT  
11 MAIL BALLOT IF THE ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION CAN BE VERIFIED BY  
12 CONTACTING THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER BY TELEPHONE OR  
13 ELECTRONIC MAIL, IF PRACTICAL, OR BY OTHER MEANS. IF THE ELECTOR'S  
14 eligibility cannot be verified by a voter service and polling center election  
15 judge, ~~after the judge contacts the county clerk and recorder by telephone~~  
16 ~~or electronic mail, if practicable,~~ the elector is entitled to cast a  
17 provisional ballot in accordance with article 8.5 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 1.

18 (4) (a) ~~In addition to providing voter service and polling centers~~  
19 ~~in accordance with this section, counties shall also establish stand-alone~~  
20 ~~drop-off locations for the purpose of allowing electors to deposit their~~  
21 ~~completed mail ballots.~~

22 (b) (I) (A) ~~All counties described in subparagraph (I) of paragraph~~  
23 ~~(a) of subsection (1) of this section shall provide at least one drop-off~~  
24 ~~location for each thirty thousand active voters in the county, but must~~  
25 ~~provide a minimum of one stand alone drop-off location.~~

26 (B) ~~Only counties with at least twenty-five thousand active~~  
27 ~~electors are required to provide stand alone drop-off locations on the date~~

1 of a general election and on the Saturday and Monday immediately  
2 preceding the date of a general election.

3 (H) ~~The placement and security of each drop-off location shall be~~  
4 ~~determined by each county, in accordance with the secretary of state's~~  
5 ~~current security rules. With the exception of twenty-four hour secure drop~~  
6 ~~boxes, each stand-alone drop-off location must be separate from voter~~  
7 ~~service and polling centers.~~

8 (HH) ~~Counties are encouraged to designate community-based~~  
9 ~~locations as stand-alone drop-off locations.~~

10 (5) (a) IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING  
11 CENTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, COUNTIES SHALL ALSO  
12 ESTABLISH DROP BOXES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING ELECTORS TO  
13 DEPOSIT THEIR COMPLETED MAIL BALLOTS IN A GENERAL ELECTION AS  
14 FOLLOWS:

15 (I) FOR COUNTIES WITH AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND  
16 ACTIVE ELECTORS, AT LEAST ONE DROP BOX FOR EACH TWELVE THOUSAND  
17 FIVE HUNDRED ACTIVE ELECTORS.

18 (II) FOR COUNTIES WITH AT LEAST THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE  
19 HUNDRED BUT FEWER THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ACTIVE  
20 ELECTORS, AT LEAST ONE DROP BOX FOR EACH FIFTEEN THOUSAND ACTIVE  
21 ELECTORS.

22 (III) FOR COUNTIES WITH AT LEAST FIFTEEN THOUSAND BUT FEWER  
23 THAN THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ACTIVE ELECTORS, AT  
24 LEAST TWO DROP BOXES.

25 (IV) FOR COUNTIES WITH FEWER THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND ACTIVE  
26 ELECTORS, AT LEAST ONE DROP BOX.

27 (b) FOR A GENERAL ELECTION, IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS

1 OF SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY SHALL ESTABLISH A  
2 DROP BOX ON EACH CAMPUS OF A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
3 EDUCATION LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT HAS TWO THOUSAND OR  
4 MORE ENROLLED STUDENTS AS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
5 SUBSECTION (1)(b.5)(III) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (c) EACH DROP BOX MUST ACCEPT MAIL BALLOTS DELIVERED BY  
7 ELECTORS FOR THE FIFTEEN-DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE  
8 DAY OF THE ELECTION.

9 (d) THE PLACEMENT AND SECURITY OF EACH DROP BOX SHALL BE  
10 DETERMINED BY EACH COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECRETARY OF  
11 STATE'S CURRENT SECURITY RULES. COUNTIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO  
12 ESTABLISH DROP BOXES IN COMMUNITY-BASED LOCATIONS.

13 (e) FOR A GENERAL ELECTION, IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS  
14 OF SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRIBAL  
15 COUNCIL OF AN INDIAN TRIBE LOCATED ON A FEDERAL RESERVATION  
16 WHOSE HEADQUARTERS ARE WITHIN THE COUNTY'S BOUNDARIES, A  
17 COUNTY SHALL ESTABLISH A DROP-OFF LOCATION WITHIN THE  
18 BOUNDARIES OF THE RESERVATION. THE DROP-OFF LOCATION MUST  
19 ACCEPT BALLOTS FOR THE FIFTEEN-DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING  
20 THE DAY OF THE ELECTION.

21 (f) A COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS  
22 AT THE COUNTY'S DISCRETION. A DROP-OFF LOCATION MUST BE LOCATED  
23 IN A SECURE PLACE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A MUNICIPAL CLERK, AN  
24 ELECTION JUDGE, OR A MEMBER OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER'S STAFF.

25 (6) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY APPLY TO THE  
26 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A WAIVER OF ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
27 SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION NO

1 LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. IN  
2 DETERMINING WHETHER TO GRANT OR DENY A WAIVER REQUEST, THE  
3 SECRETARY OF STATE MAY CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

4 (a) THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DROP BOXES THAT WILL BE  
5 PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY IN THE ELECTION;

6 (b) THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DROP-OFF LOCATIONS THAT  
7 WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY IN THE ELECTION; AND

8 (c) WHETHER THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MADE  
9 REASONABLE ATTEMPTS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

10 **SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-205, **amend** (4)  
11 as follows:

12 **1-5-205. Published and posted notice of election - content.**

13 (4) For a primary mail ballot election, in addition to the items described  
14 in subsection (1) of this section, the notice shall advise eligible electors  
15 who are not affiliated with a political party of the electors' ability to  
16 ~~declare an affiliation with a political party and vote~~ SELECT AND CAST A  
17 BALLOT OF ONE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY in the primary election.

18 **SECTION 32.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-404, **amend** (2)  
19 as follows:

20 **1-5-404. Arrangement of names on ballots for partisan**

21 **elections.** (2) Between July 1 and July 15 of each election year, the  
22 officer in receipt of the original designation, nomination, or petition of  
23 each candidate shall inform the major political parties, each minor  
24 political party THAT HAS NOMINATED AT LEAST ONE CANDIDATE, and the  
25 representative of each political organization ~~on file with the secretary of~~  
26 ~~state~~ THAT HAS FILED A NOMINATING PETITION FOR AT LEAST ONE  
27 CANDIDATE of the time and place of the lot-drawing for offices to appear

1 on the general election ballot. Ballot positions shall be assigned to the  
2 major political party, minor political party, or political organization in the  
3 order in which they are drawn. The name of the candidate shall be  
4 inserted on the ballot prior to the ballot certification.

5 **SECTION 33.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-6-113, **amend** (1)  
6 as follows:

7 **1-6-113. Vacancies.** (1) If for any reason any person selected to  
8 serve as an election judge fails to attend the class of instruction for  
9 election judges, or refuses, fails, or is unable to serve, or is removed by  
10 preemption in accordance with section 1-6-119 (1) or for cause in  
11 accordance with section 1-6-119 (2), the designated election official  
12 thereafter may appoint an election judge to fill such vacancy. For a  
13 partisan election, an election judge shall be appointed to fill such vacancy  
14 from ANY OF the ~~list~~ LISTS of names previously submitted by the county  
15 ~~chairperson of the political party to which the person belongs. If a~~  
16 ~~vacancy occurs in a partisan election and no persons are available from~~  
17 ~~such list, then the county clerk and recorder may appoint a person from~~  
18 ~~among the persons recommended by minor political parties in accordance~~  
19 ~~with section~~ SECTIONS 1-6-102, 1-6-103, AND 1-6-103.5 ~~and~~ OR FROM the  
20 unaffiliated voters who have offered to serve as election judges in  
21 accordance with section 1-6-103.7.

22 **SECTION 34.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-6-115, **amend** (3)  
23 as follows:

24 **1-6-115. Compensation of judges.** (3) Compensation for  
25 election judges shall be determined and paid by the governing body  
26 calling the election. Compensation for all judges shall be uniform  
27 throughout a particular political subdivision, except:



1 (a) The compensation of student election judges shall be set in  
2 conformity with subsection (1) of this section; AND

3 (b) A COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPENSATE A COUNTY  
4 EMPLOYEE SERVING AS AN ELECTION JUDGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
5 SECTION.

6 **SECTION 35.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-101, **amend** (1)  
7 as follows:

8 **1-7-101. Hours of voting on election day.** (1) (a) All polling  
9 locations ~~shall~~ MUST be ~~opened~~ OPEN continuously from 7 a.m. until 7  
10 p.m. on election day. If a full set of election judges is not present at the  
11 hour of 7 a.m. and it is necessary for judges to be appointed to conduct  
12 the election as provided in section 1-6-113, the election may commence  
13 when two judges who are not of the same political affiliation for partisan  
14 elections are present at any hour before the time for closing the polling  
15 locations. The polling locations shall remain open after 7 p.m. until every  
16 eligible elector who was at the polling location at or before 7 p.m. has  
17 been allowed to vote. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS  
18 SECTION, any person arriving after 7 p.m. is not entitled to vote.

19 (b) (I) ANY PERSON MAY PETITION THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
20 COUNTY IN WHICH A POLLING LOCATION IS LOCATED FOR AN ORDER  
21 REQUIRING A POLLING LOCATION TO REMAIN OPEN AFTER 7 P.M. ON  
22 ELECTION DAY. THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL GRANT THE PETITION UPON A  
23 FINDING THAT ACCESS TO OR VOTING AT THE POLLING LOCATION HAS BEEN  
24 SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, EQUIPMENT  
25 FAILURE, TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, VOTER SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES, A  
26 SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES, OR OTHER EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCE.

27 (II) IF THE CONDITION IMPAIRING VOTING AT OR ACCESS TO

1 POLLING LOCATIONS AFFECTS POLLING LOCATIONS IN MORE THAN ONE  
2 COUNTY, ANY PERSON MAY PETITION THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CITY  
3 AND COUNTY OF DENVER FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF  
4 STATE TO ORDER ALL POLLING LOCATIONS IN ALL AFFECTED COUNTIES TO  
5 REMAIN OPEN AFTER 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY. THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL  
6 GRANT THE PETITION UPON A FINDING THAT ACCESS TO OR VOTING AT ONE  
7 OR MORE POLLING LOCATIONS IN THE AFFECTED COUNTIES HAS BEEN  
8 SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, EQUIPMENT  
9 FAILURE, TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, VOTER SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES, A  
10 SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES, OR OTHER EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCE.

11 (III) IF AN ORDER IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
12 SUBSECTION (1)(b), EVERY ELIGIBLE ELECTOR WHO WAS AT A POLLING  
13 LOCATION AFFECTED BY THE ORDER AT OR BEFORE THE CLOSING TIME  
14 SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE. THE COURT SHALL  
15 NOT ORDER POLLING LOCATIONS TO REMAIN OPEN FOR MORE THAN AN  
16 ADDITIONAL SIX HOURS.

17 **SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-110, **add (5)** as  
18 follows:

19 **1-7-110. Preparing to vote in person. (5)** AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR  
20 WHO DOES NOT RESIDE WITHIN THE COUNTY BUT WISHES TO VOTE AT A  
21 POLLING LOCATION IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A MAIL BALLOT OR  
22 REPLACEMENT MAIL BALLOT THAT CONTAINS THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES  
23 FOR STATEWIDE FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICES AND STATEWIDE BALLOT  
24 ISSUES AND BALLOT QUESTIONS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CERTIFY  
25 THE CONTENT OF THE BALLOT TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.

26 **SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-116, **amend (3)**  
27 as follows:

1           **1-7-116. Coordinated elections - definition.**           

2           (3) Notwithstanding the provision for independent mail ballot elections  
3           in subsection (1) of this section, the ballot issue notice shall be prepared  
4           and mailed in substantial compliance with part 9 of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE  
5           7, and the preparation and mailing thereof shall be made pursuant to an  
6           agreement as provided in subsection (2) of this section. AN AGREEMENT  
7           UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3) MAY ALLOW THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO  
8           PREPARE AND MAIL A SEPARATE NOTICE.

9           **SECTION 38.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-201, **amend** (1)  
10          and (2.3) as follows:

11          **1-7-201. Voting at primary election.** (1) Any registered elector,  
12          INCLUDING A PREREGISTRANT WHO IS ELIGIBLE UNDER SECTION 1-2-101  
13          (2)(c), who has declared an affiliation with a political party that is  
14          participating in a primary election and who desires to vote for candidates  
15          of that party at a primary election shall show identification, as defined in  
16          section 1-1-104 (19.5), write his or her name and address on a form  
17          available at the voter service and polling center, and give the form to one  
18          of the election judges.

19          (2.3) An eligible unaffiliated elector, INCLUDING A  
20          PREREGISTRANT WHO IS ELIGIBLE UNDER SECTION 1-2-101 (2)(c), is  
21          entitled to vote in the primary election of a major political party without  
22          affiliating with that political party. To vote in a political party's primary  
23          election without declaring an affiliation with the political party, any  
24          eligible unaffiliated elector shall declare to the election judges the name  
25          of the political party in whose primary election the elector wishes to vote.  
26          Thereupon, the election judges shall deliver the appropriate party ballot  
27          to the elector. In addition, any eligible unaffiliated elector may openly

1 declare to the election judges the name of the political party with which  
2 the elector wishes to affiliate and complete the necessary forms. An  
3 eligible elector must separately date and sign or date and initial a  
4 declaration of affiliation with a political party form in such manner that  
5 the elector clearly acknowledges that the affiliation has been properly  
6 recorded. Thereupon, the election judges shall deliver the appropriate  
7 party ballot to the eligible elector.

8 **SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-905.5, **repeal**  
9 (2) as follows:

10 **1-7-905.5. Form of notice.** (2) ~~Ballot issue notices are not~~  
11 ~~election materials that must be provided in a language other than English.~~



13 **SECTION 40.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-105, **amend**  
14 (1); and **add** (1.3) and (2)(c) as follows:

15 **1-7.5-105. Preelection process - rules.** (1) The county clerk and  
16 recorder or designated election official responsible for conducting an  
17 election that is to be by mail ballot pursuant to section 1-7.5-104 (1) shall  
18 send a proposed election plan for conducting the mail ballot election to  
19 the secretary of state no later than ~~fifty-five~~ NINETY days prior to a  
20 nonpartisan election or, for any mail ballot election that is coordinated  
21 with or conducted by the county clerk and recorder, no later than ~~ninety~~  
22 ONE HUNDRED TWENTY days prior to the election. The proposed plan may  
23 be based on the standard plan adopted by the secretary of state by rule.

24 (1.3) THE ELECTION PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OF  
25 THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

26 (a) THE ADDRESS AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR EACH VOTER  
27 SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER;

1 (b) THE ADDRESS AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR EACH BALLOT  
2 DROP-OFF LOCATION, INCLUDING THE LOCATION OF EACH DROP BOX;

3 (c) A THROUGHPUT ANALYSIS FOR EACH DESIGNATED VOTER  
4 SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER THAT ADDRESSES:

5 (I) THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS ANTICIPATED AT THE CENTER  
6 DURING ITS OPERATION;

7 (II) IF THE CENTER WAS USED IN A PREVIOUS ELECTION, THE WAIT  
8 TIMES AND NUMBER OF ELECTORS THAT USED THE CENTER IN THE  
9 PREVIOUS ELECTION; AND

10 (III) THE NUMBER OF ELECTION JUDGES, CHECK-IN STATIONS,  
11 PRINTERS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT THAT WILL BE IN USE AT THE CENTER;

12 (d) A COPY OF THE MAIL BALLOT PACKET THAT WILL BE USED IN  
13 THE ELECTION;

14 (e) A COPY OF THE SIGNATURE CARD THAT WILL BE USED FOR  
15 IN-PERSON VOTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-7-110;

16 (f) COPIES OF ALL FORMS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE OR PROVIDED  
17 TO ELECTORS TO CURE DEFICIENCIES OR ERRORS DURING THE ELECTION  
18 WITH THE COUNTY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION FILLED IN; AND

19 (g) SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY  
20 REQUIRE.

21 (2) (c) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY PROMULGATE RULES  
22 CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF ELECTION PLANS.

23 **SECTION 41.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107, **amend**  
24 (2.7), (3)(a)(I), (3)(a)(II), (3.5)(b), (3.5)(d), (4)(b)(I)(A), (4)(b)(II), (4.3),  
25 and (4.5)(a)(I); **repeal** (4.5)(a)(II)(B); and **add** (4.5)(a)(III) and (4.7) as  
26 follows:

27 **1-7.5-107. Procedures for conducting mail ballot election -**

1 **primary elections - first-time voters casting a mail ballot after having**  
2 **registered by mail to vote - in-person request for ballot - repeal.**

3 (2.7) Subsequent to the preparation of ballots in accordance with section  
4 1-5-402 but prior to the mailing required under subsection (3) of this  
5 section, and no sooner than forty-five days nor later than thirty-two days  
6 before an election, a designated election official shall provide a mail  
7 ballot to a registered elector requesting the ballot at the designated  
8 election official's office or the office designated in the ~~mail ballot~~  
9 ELECTION plan filed with the secretary of state.

10 (3) (a) (I) ~~Except as provided in subparagraph (II) of this~~  
11 ~~paragraph (a),~~ Not sooner than twenty-two days before a general, primary,  
12 or other mail ballot election, and no later than eighteen days before the  
13 election, the county clerk and recorder or designated election official shall  
14 mail to each active ~~eligible~~ REGISTERED elector, at the last mailing  
15 address appearing in the registration records and in accordance with  
16 United States postal service regulations, a mail ballot packet, which must  
17 be marked "DO NOT FORWARD. ADDRESS CORRECTION  
18 REQUESTED.", or any other similar statement that is in accordance with  
19 United States postal service regulations. FOR A PRIMARY MAIL BALLOT  
20 ELECTION, ACTIVE REGISTERED ELECTORS INCLUDES PREREGISTRANTS  
21 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THAT PRIMARY UNDER SECTION 1-2-101 (2)(c).  
22 Nothing in this subsection (3) affects any provision of this code  
23 governing the delivery of mail ballots to an absent uniformed services  
24 elector, nonresident overseas elector, or resident overseas elector covered  
25 by the federal "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act",  
26 52 U.S.C. sec. 20301 et seq.

27 (II) ~~For a primary mail ballot election, the mail ballot packet must~~

1 ~~be mailed only to active registered electors.~~ If the twenty-second day  
2 before ~~an~~ A GENERAL, PRIMARY, OR OTHER MAIL BALLOT election is a  
3 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the county clerk and recorder or  
4 designated election official may mail ballot packets pursuant to  
5 ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a)~~ SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS  
6 SECTION on the Friday immediately preceding the twenty-second day.

7 (3.5) (b) Any person who matches ~~either of the descriptions~~ THE  
8 DESCRIPTION specified in ~~subparagraph (I) or (II) of paragraph (a) of this~~  
9 ~~subsection (3.5)~~ SUBSECTION (3.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION and intends to cast  
10 his or her ballot by mail in accordance with this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7.5 shall  
11 submit with his or her mail ballot a copy of identification within the  
12 meaning of section 1-1-104 (19.5).

13 (d) Any person who desires to cast his or her ballot by mail but  
14 does not satisfy the requirements of ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (3.5)~~  
15 SUBSECTION (3.5)(b) OF THIS SECTION may cast such ballot by mail. The  
16 county clerk and recorder or designated election official shall, within  
17 three days after the receipt of a mail ballot that does not contain a copy of  
18 identification as defined in section 1-1-104 (19.5), but in no event later  
19 than two days after election day, send to the eligible elector at the address  
20 indicated in the registration records AND TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S  
21 ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS IF AVAILABLE a letter explaining the lack of  
22 compliance with ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (3.5)~~ SUBSECTION  
23 (3.5)(b) OF THIS SECTION. If the county clerk and recorder or designated  
24 election official receives a copy of identification in compliance with  
25 ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (3.5)~~ SUBSECTION (3.5)(b) OF THIS  
26 SECTION within eight days after election day, and if the mail ballot is  
27 otherwise valid, the mail ballot shall be counted.

1 (4) (b) (I) The eligible elector may:

2 (A) Return the marked ballot to the county clerk and recorder or  
3 designated election official by United States mail or by depositing the  
4 ballot at the office of the county clerk and recorder or designated election  
5 official or AT any voter service and polling center, DROP BOX, or drop-off  
6 location designated by the county clerk and recorder or designated  
7 election official as specified in the ~~mail ballot~~ ELECTION plan filed with  
8 the secretary of state. The ballot must be returned in the return envelope.

9 (II) If an eligible elector returns the ballot by mail, the elector  
10 must provide postage. The ballot ~~shall~~ MUST be received at the office of  
11 the county clerk and recorder or designated election official, A DROP BOX,  
12 or a designated drop-off location, which ~~shall~~ MUST remain open until 7  
13 p.m. on election day. All envelopes containing mail ballots must be in the  
14 hands of the county clerk and recorder or designated election official no  
15 later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. Mail ballot envelopes received  
16 after 7 p.m. on the day of the election but postmarked on or before the day  
17 of the election will remain sealed and uncounted, but the elector's  
18 registration record shall not be canceled for failure to vote in a general  
19 election. ~~For an election coordinated by the county clerk and recorder, the~~  
20 ~~drop-off location other than secure drop boxes shall be designated by the~~  
21 ~~county clerk and recorder and located in a secure place under the~~  
22 ~~supervision of a municipal clerk, an election judge, or a member of the~~  
23 ~~clerk and recorder's staff. For a mail ballot election not coordinated by the~~  
24 ~~county clerk and recorder, the drop-off location shall be designated by the~~  
25 ~~designated election official and located in a secure place under the~~  
26 ~~supervision of the designated election official, an election judge, or~~  
27 ~~another person designated by the designated election official.~~



1 (4.3) (a) (I) For any election, other than a general election, for  
2 which a county clerk and recorder is the designated election official, there  
3 must be a minimum number of ~~mail ballot drop-off locations~~ DROP BOXES  
4 where mail ballots may be deposited equal to at least one ~~drop-off~~  
5 ~~location~~ DROP BOX for each thirty thousand active registered electors in  
6 the county; except that, if the district or political subdivision for which  
7 the election is being conducted is less populous than the county, the  
8 county clerk and recorder shall designate at least one ~~mail ballot drop-off~~  
9 ~~location~~ DROP BOX for each thirty thousand current active registered  
10 electors eligible to vote in that election. The ~~drop-off locations shall~~ DROP  
11 BOXES MUST be arrayed throughout the county in a manner that provides  
12 the greatest convenience to electors. EACH DROP BOX MUST COMPLY WITH  
13 THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S CURRENT SECURITY RULES.

14 (II) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020, FOR A PRESIDENTIAL  
15 PRIMARY OR NOVEMBER COORDINATED ELECTION, IN ADDITION TO THE  
16 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (4.3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY  
17 CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL ESTABLISH A DROP BOX ON EACH CAMPUS OF  
18 A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOCATED WITHIN THE  
19 COUNTY THAT HAS TWO THOUSAND OR MORE ENROLLED STUDENTS AS  
20 DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-5-102.9 (1)(b.5)(III).

21 (III) A COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS  
22 AT THE COUNTY'S DISCRETION. EACH DROP-OFF LOCATION MUST BE  
23 SUPERVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-5-102.9 (5)(e).

24 (b) The minimum number of ~~drop-off locations~~ DROP BOXES  
25 described in ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (4.3) shall~~ SUBSECTION  
26 (4.3)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST accept mail ballots delivered by electors  
27 during, at a minimum, the ~~four~~ SEVEN days prior to and including the day

1 of the election. ~~except that mail ballots are not required to be accepted on~~  
2 ~~Sundays. Mail ballots shall be accepted from electors at drop-off~~  
3 ~~locations during, at a minimum, reasonable business hours.~~

4 (4.5) (a) (I) For any primary or November coordinated election,  
5 the county clerk and recorder shall designate voter service and polling  
6 centers equal to no fewer than the number of county motor vehicle offices  
7 in the county; except that each county shall have no fewer than one voter  
8 service and polling center, and, for counties with fewer than twenty-five  
9 thousand active REGISTERED electors, ~~as that term is described in~~  
10 ~~subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (a),~~ only one voter service and polling  
11 center is required. The county clerk and recorder may add additional voter  
12 service and polling center locations as necessary.

13 (II) (B) ~~On and after November 8, 2016, for the purposes of~~  
14 ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a), the number of active electors in a~~  
15 ~~county is the number of active electors registered in the county on the~~  
16 ~~date of the previous presidential election.~~

17 (III) (A) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020, FOR A PRESIDENTIAL  
18 PRIMARY OR NOVEMBER COORDINATED ELECTION, FROM THE EIGHTH  
19 DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION UNTIL THE SECOND DAY BEFORE THE  
20 ELECTION, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL DESIGNATE AT  
21 LEAST ONE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER ON EACH CAMPUS OF A  
22 STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT HAS TEN THOUSAND OR  
23 MORE ENROLLED STUDENTS, AND ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION AND  
24 ON ELECTION DAY, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL DESIGNATE  
25 AT LEAST ONE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER ON EACH CAMPUS OF  
26 A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOCATED WITHIN THE  
27 COUNTY THAT HAS THREE THOUSAND OR MORE ENROLLED STUDENTS AS

1 DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-5-102.9 (1)(b.5)(III).  
2 (B) IN A COUNTY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-5-102.9 (1)(a)(I) OR  
3 (1)(a)(II), A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER DESIGNATED IN  
4 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (4.5)(a)(III) MAY COUNT TOWARD  
5 THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (4.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.  
6 IN ALL OTHER COUNTIES, A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER  
7 DESIGNATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (4.5)(a)(III) MUST  
8 BE IN ADDITION TO THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION  
9 (4.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (4.7) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTIONS (4.3) AND (4.5) OF THIS  
11 SECTION, THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE REGISTERED ELECTORS IN A COUNTY IS  
12 THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE ELECTORS REGISTERED IN THE COUNTY ON THE  
13 DATE OF THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OR ON THE DATE OF THE  
14 LAST GENERAL ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

15 **SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107.3, **amend**  
16 (2)(a) as follows:

17 **1-7.5-107.3. Verification of signatures - rules.**

18 (2) (a) If, upon comparing the signature of an eligible elector on the  
19 self-affirmation on the return envelope with the signature of the eligible  
20 elector stored in the statewide voter registration system, the election judge  
21 determines that the signatures do not match, or if a signature verification  
22 device used pursuant to subsection (5) of this section is unable to  
23 determine that the signatures match, two other election judges of different  
24 political party affiliations shall simultaneously compare the signatures. If  
25 both other election judges agree that the signatures do not match, the  
26 county clerk and recorder shall, within three days after the signature  
27 deficiency has been confirmed, but in no event later than two days after

1 election day, send to the eligible elector at the address indicated in the  
2 registration records AND TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTOR'S ELECTRONIC MAIL  
3 ADDRESS IF AVAILABLE a letter explaining the discrepancy in signatures  
4 and a form for the eligible elector to confirm that the elector returned a  
5 ballot to the county clerk and recorder. If the county clerk and recorder  
6 receives the form within eight days after election day confirming that the  
7 elector returned a ballot to the county clerk and recorder and enclosing a  
8 copy of the elector's identification as defined in section 1-1-104 (19.5),  
9 and if the ballot is otherwise valid, the ballot shall be counted. If the  
10 eligible elector returns the form indicating that the elector did not return  
11 a ballot to the county clerk and recorder, or if the eligible elector does not  
12 return the form within eight days after election day, the self-affirmation  
13 on the return envelope shall be categorized as incorrect, the ballot shall  
14 not be counted, and the county clerk and recorder shall send copies of the  
15 eligible elector's signature on the return envelope and the signature stored  
16 in the statewide voter registration system to the district attorney for  
17 investigation.

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20 **SECTION 43.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-9-203, **amend** (4)  
21 as follows:

22 **1-9-203. Challenge questions asked person intending to vote.**  
23 (4) (a) If the person is challenged as not eligible TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION  
24 OTHER THAN A PRIMARY ELECTION because the person will not be eighteen  
25 years of age or older on or before election day, an election judge shall ask  
26 the following question: To the best of your knowledge and belief, will  
27 you be eighteen years of age or older on election day?

1 (b) IF THE PERSON IS CHALLENGED AS NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A  
2 PRIMARY ELECTION BECAUSE THE PERSON WILL NOT BE EIGHTEEN YEARS  
3 OF AGE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, AN  
4 ELECTION JUDGE SHALL ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: TO THE BEST OF  
5 YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ARE YOU AT LEAST SEVENTEEN YEARS OF  
6 AGE AND WILL YOU BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE  
7 THE DATE OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION?

8 **SECTION 44.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-9-204, **amend** (1)  
9 as follows:

10 **1-9-204. Oath of challenged elector.** (1) An election judge shall  
11 tender an oath substantially in the following form: "I do solemnly swear  
12 or affirm that I have fully and truthfully answered all questions that have  
13 been put to me concerning my place of residence and my qualifications  
14 as an eligible elector at this election. I further swear or affirm that I am  
15 a citizen of the United States; that I AM AT LEAST SEVENTEEN YEARS OF  
16 AGE AND WILL BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE THE  
17 DATE OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IF I AM VOTING IN A PRIMARY  
18 ELECTION OR THAT I will be of the age of eighteen years or older on  
19 election day IF I AM VOTING IN ANY OTHER ELECTION; that I have been a  
20 resident of this state for at least twenty-two days immediately preceding  
21 this election and have not maintained a home or domicile elsewhere; that  
22 I am a registered elector in this precinct; that I am eligible to vote at this  
23 election; and that I have not previously voted at this election."

24 **SECTION 45.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-100.5, **add**  
25 **(7.5) as follows:**

26 **1-12-100.5. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, and for purposes  
27 **of article XXI of the state constitution, unless the context otherwise**

1 requires:

2 (7.5) "GENERAL ELECTION" MEANS AN ELECTION HELD ON THE  
3 TUESDAY SUCCEEDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER IN AN  
4 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR OR AN ELECTION HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF  
5 NOVEMBER IN AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR.

6 **SECTION 46.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-108, **amend**  
7 (6)(a), (8)(a), and (8)(c)(II.5) as follows:

8 **1-12-108. Petition requirements - approval as to form -**  
9 **determination of sufficiency - protest - offenses.** (6) (a) No person  
10 shall circulate a recall petition unless the person is ~~a resident of the state,~~  
11 a citizen of the United States and at least eighteen years of age.

12 (8) (a) Promptly after the petition has been filed, the designated  
13 election official for the political subdivision shall review all petition  
14 information and verify the information against the registration records,  
15 and, where applicable, the county assessor's records. FOR A STATE RECALL  
16 PETITION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL VERIFY SIGNATURES IN  
17 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-4-908 (1.5). The secretary of state shall  
18 establish guidelines for verifying petition entries. Within twenty-four  
19 hours after the petition is delivered, the designated election official shall  
20 notify the incumbent of the delivery. Following verification of the petition  
21 by the designated election official, the designated election official shall  
22 make a copy of the petition available to the incumbent sought to be  
23 recalled.

24 (c) (II.5) If the petition is determined to be insufficient, it may be  
25 withdrawn and may, within fifteen days after the date on which the  
26 petition was verified as insufficient, be amended and refiled as an original  
27 petition. A petition for recall may be amended no more than one time to

1 collect additional signatures or cure circulator affidavits after a designated  
2 election official issues a determination of insufficiency under this  
3 subsection (8) DURING THE REVIEW OF ANY RECALL PETITION, THE  
4 DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE OF ANY  
5 ERRORS AND INSUFFICIENCIES REGARDING CIRCULATOR AFFIDAVITS. UPON  
6 THE RECEIPT OF SUCH A NOTIFICATION, THE COMMITTEE HAS FIVE  
7 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE TO CURE THE  
8 ERRORS AND INSUFFICIENCIES DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE. TO CURE A  
9 CIRCULATOR AFFIDAVIT, THE COMMITTEE MUST PROVIDE THE DESIGNATED  
10 ELECTION OFFICIAL WITH A NEW CIRCULATOR AFFIDAVIT THAT CORRECTS  
11 THE ERRORS OF THE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AFFIDAVIT.

12 **SECTION 47.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-12-111.5  
13 as follows:

14 **1-12-111.5. Nonpartisan recall election plan.** (1) If a  
15 nonpartisan recall election is to be conducted by mail ballot, the  
16 designated election official shall submit a written ~~mail ballot~~ ELECTION  
17 plan to the secretary of state in accordance with section 1-7.5-105 no later  
18 than five calendar days after calling the election.

19 (2) The secretary of state shall approve or disapprove a recall ~~mail~~  
20 ~~ballot~~ ELECTION plan within five calendar days after receiving the plan  
21 and shall provide written notice to the designated election official.

22 **SECTION 48.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-114, **amend**  
23 (1) and (2)(b) as follows:

24 **1-12-114. Mail ballots - plan required - voter service and**  
25 **polling centers - number required - definition.** (1) (a) Notwithstanding  
26 section 1-7.5-107 (1), as soon as practicable after the date that the  
27 designated election official certifies the recall question to the ballot under

1 section 1-12-108 (8)(c)(II), the county clerk and recorder or designated  
2 election official administering a recall election shall submit to the  
3 secretary of state, for approval within twenty-four hours after receipt, a  
4 proposed ~~mail ballot~~ election plan, including the manner in and date by  
5 which the mail ballot transmission deadline set forth in subsection (2) of  
6 this section will be met. If the secretary of state does not provide written  
7 notice of approval or disapproval of the plan within twenty-four hours,  
8 the plan is deemed approved.

9 (b) The secretary of state may disapprove a ~~mail ballot~~ AN  
10 ELECTION plan submitted under ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (1)~~  
11 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION using only the same standards used  
12 to evaluate and approve of ~~mail ballot~~ ELECTION plans transmitted under  
13 section 1-7.5-105.

14 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary:

15 (b) Not later than the fifteenth day before the last day on which  
16 voted mail ballots may be returned by electors other than covered voters  
17 under article 8.3 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 1, the designated election official shall  
18 mail ballots to eligible electors in accordance with the ~~mail ballot~~  
19 ELECTION plan developed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

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21 **SECTION 49.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-21-104.9** as  
22 follows:

23 **24-21-104.9. County reimbursements for voting equipment -**  
24 **local elections assistance cash fund - creation - repeal.** (1) SUBJECT TO  
25 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REIMBURSE  
26 COUNTIES FOR A ONE-TIME PURCHASE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT NECESSARY  
27 TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF HOUSE BILL 19-1278, ENACTED IN



1 2019, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE REIMBURSEMENTS SHALL BE  
2 MADE AS GRANTS SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE  
3 SECRETARY OF STATE.

4 (2) THE LOCAL ELECTIONS ASSISTANCE CASH FUND, REFERRED TO  
5 IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE  
6 TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
7 MAY APPROPRIATE TO THE FUND FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

8 (3) (a) FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR, THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
9 MAY EXPEND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE  
10 FEDERAL ELECTIONS ASSISTANCE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 1-1.5-106

11 (1)(a) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS TO COUNTIES TO  
12 REIMBURSE THE COUNTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
13 SECTION FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ESTABLISHING NEW DROP  
14 BOXES AND FOR OTHER EQUIPMENT CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW AND  
15 GRANT REQUIREMENTS.

16 (b) FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
17 SHALL TRANSFER THE BALANCE OF THE MONEY NECESSARY TO MAKE THE  
18 PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION FROM THE  
19 GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.

20 (4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND  
21 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE  
22 FUND TO THE FUND.

23 (5) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING PAYMENTS TO  
25 COUNTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (6) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED  
27 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON JUNE 30, 2021, TO THE FUND

1 FROM WHICH THE MONEY ORIGINATED.

2 (7) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

3 **SECTION 50.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-204, **amend**

4 (3)(a)(VI) as follows:

5 **24-72-204. Allowance or denial of inspection - grounds -**

6 **procedure - appeal - definitions - repeal.** (3) (a) The custodian shall

7 deny the right of inspection of the following records, unless otherwise

8 provided by law; except that any of the following records, other than

9 letters of reference concerning employment, licensing, or issuance of

10 permits, shall be available to the person in interest pursuant to this

11 subsection (3):

12 (VI) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-2-227, addresses and

13 telephone numbers of students in any public elementary or secondary

14 school;

15 **SECTION 51. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2019-20 state fiscal

16 year, \$2,096,000 is appropriated to the local elections assistance cash

17 fund created in section 24-21-104.9 (2), C.R.S. This appropriation is from

18 the general fund. The department of state is responsible for the

19 accounting related to this appropriation.

20 (2) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$50,945 is appropriated to

21 the department of state for use by the elections division. This

22 appropriation consists of \$22,590 from the general fund and \$28,355

23 from the department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104

24 (3)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this

25 appropriation as follows:

26 (a) \$22,590 from general fund for local election reimbursement;

27 and

1 (b) \$28,355 from department of state cash fund for operating  
2 expenses.

3 (3) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$255,298 is appropriated to  
4 the department of state for use by the information technology division.  
5 This appropriation is from the department of state cash fund created in  
6 section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may  
7 use this appropriation as follows:

8 (a) \$227,900 for personal services; and

9 (b) \$27,398 for hardware and software maintenance.

10 (4) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$2,790 is appropriated to the  
11 department of personnel for use by the division of central services. This  
12 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the division  
13 may use this appropriation for the address confidentiality program.

14 **SECTION 52. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
15 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
16 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
17 general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3,  
18 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
19 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
20 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
21 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
22 to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
23 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

24 (2) This act applies to elections conducted on or after the  
25 applicable effective date of this act.