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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE DRAWING OF VOTING DISTRICTS BY COUNTY**
102 **GOVERNMENTS.**

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 establishes the process used by county commissioner redistricting commissions (commissions) to divide counties that have any number of their county commissioners not elected by the voters of the whole county into county commissioner districts. In these counties, the bill:

- Requires the commissions to hold multiple hearings

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throughout the relevant counties that are broadcast and stored online and comply with state statutes regarding open meetings;

- Requires the commission to provide the opportunity for public involvement by providing the ability to propose and comment on maps and to testify at commission hearings both in person and electronically;
- Prohibits improper communication between a member of the commission and the staff of the commission;
- Mandates that paid lobbying of the commissions be disclosed to the secretary of state by the lobbyist;
- Establishes prioritized factors for the commissions to use in drawing districts, including federal requirements, the preservation of communities of interest and political subdivisions, and maximizing the number of competitive districts;
- Prohibits the commissions from approving a map if it has been drawn for the purpose of protecting one or more incumbent members, or one or more declared candidates, of the board of county commissioners, or any political party, and codifies current federal law and related existing federal requirements prohibiting maps drawn for the purpose of or that results in the denial or abridgement of a person's right to vote or electoral influence on account of a person's race, ethnic origin, or membership in a protected language group;
- Requires the commission to approve a redistricting map and specifies the date by which a final map must be approved;
- Specifies that the staff of each commission will draft a preliminary redistricting map and up to 3 additional maps, and, in the event of deadlock by a commission, creates a process by which staff submit a final map to a panel of district court judges for review based on specified criteria; and
- Requires judicial review of a commission-approved or staff-submitted redistricting map, and limits district court judicial panel review to whether a commission or the staff committed an abuse of discretion.

The bill recommends that counties establish independent county commissioner redistricting commissions and provides criteria to consider when creating these independent commissions.

The bill aligns the redistricting population data used to establish county commissioner districts with the redistricting population data used to establish congressional districts, state house of representative districts,

and state senate districts.

The bill also requires that, in a county where any number of county commissioners are not elected by the voters of the whole county and the board of county commissioners refers a measure to the voters of the county to change the method of electing county commissioners, the referred measure must provide at least 2 different methods of electing county commissioners.

Finally, the bill repeals anachronistic county precinct size rules and allows county clerk and recorders to redraw precincts less often.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds, declares, and determines that:

4 (a) In order for our democratic republic to truly represent the
5 voices of the people, districts must be drawn such that the people have an
6 opportunity to elect representatives who are reflective of and responsive
7 and accountable to their constituents;

8 (b) The people are best served when districts are not drawn to
9 benefit particular parties or incumbents, but are instead drawn to ensure
10 representation for the various communities of interest and to maximize
11 the number of competitive districts;

12 (c) The federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965" prohibits voting
13 practices and procedures, including redistricting, that discriminate on the
14 basis of race, color, or language;

15 (d) Districts are redrawn after every decennial census for members
16 of congress, members of the general assembly, county commissioners,
17 school board members, city councillors, and special district
18 representatives;

19 (e) In the 2018 legislative session, the general assembly
20 unanimously supported two referred measures, Amendments Y and Z,

1 that reflected a bipartisan compromise to ensure fair redistricting of
2 congressional districts, state house of representative districts, and state
3 senate districts;

4 (f) At the general election in November 2018, seventy-one percent
5 of electors in the state approved Amendments Y and Z;

6 (g) The only partisan offices elected by districts in Colorado not
7 included in Amendments Y and Z were county commissioners;

8 (h) Most Colorado counties elect their commissioners by the
9 voters of the whole county, but counties with populations over seventy
10 thousand are allowed to increase from three to five commissioners and
11 elect some or all of their commissioners by the voters of individual
12 districts; and

13 (i) While current law imposes very few limitations on how county
14 commissioner districts are to be drawn, it is of statewide interest that
15 voters in every Colorado county are empowered to elect commissioners
16 who will reflect the communities within the county and who will be
17 responsive and accountable to them.

18 (2) By enacting House Bill 21-1047, the general assembly intends
19 to ensure that counties that elect some or all of their commissioners by the
20 voters of individual districts are held to the same high standards that
21 Amendments Y and Z require of redistricting for congressional districts,
22 state house of representative districts, and state senate districts, including
23 fair criteria for drawing of districts, plans drawn by nonpartisan staff,
24 robust public participation, and where practicable, independent
25 commissions.

26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 30-10-306 as
27 follows:

1 **30-10-306. Commissioners' districts - vacancies - definitions.**

2 (1) Each county ~~shall~~ MUST be divided into three compact districts by the
3 board of county commissioners. Each district ~~shall~~ MUST be as nearly
4 equal in population as possible based on the ~~most recent federal census~~
5 ~~of the United States minus the number of persons serving a sentence of~~
6 ~~detention or confinement in any correctional facility in the county as~~
7 ~~indicated in the statistical report of the department of corrections for the~~
8 ~~most recent fiscal year~~ REDISTRICTING POPULATION DATA PREPARED BY
9 STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL
10 SERVICES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR OFFICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
11 2-2-902. IN NO EVENT SHALL THERE BE MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT
12 DEVIATION BETWEEN THE MOST POPULOUS AND THE LEAST POPULOUS
13 DISTRICT IN EACH COUNTY, AT THE TIME SUCH DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE
14 ADOPTED. Each district ~~shall~~ MUST be numbered consecutively and ~~shall~~
15 MUST not be subject to alteration more often than once every two years.
16 One ~~commissioner shall~~ COUNTY COMMISSIONER MUST be elected from
17 each of such districts by the voters of the whole county. If any COUNTY
18 commissioner, during his or her term of office, moves from the district in
19 which he or she resided when elected, his or her office ~~shall~~ thereupon
20 ~~become~~ BECOMES vacant. All proceedings by the board of county
21 commissioners in formation of such districts not inconsistent with this
22 section are confirmed and validated.

23 (2) Each county having a population of seventy thousand or more
24 that has chosen to increase the members of the board of county
25 commissioners from three to five must be divided into three or five
26 districts by the board of county commissioners according to the method
27 of election described in section 30-10-306.5 (5) or (6) or section

1 30-10-306.7. WHEN APPLICABLE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2 SHALL DIVIDE THE COUNTY INTO DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
3 FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN APPROVED [REDACTED] IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
4 30-10-306.4. The districts must be as nearly equal in population as
5 possible based on the ~~most recent federal census of the United States~~
6 ~~minus the number of persons serving a sentence of detention or~~
7 ~~confinement in any correctional facility in the county as indicated in the~~
8 ~~statistical report of the department of corrections for the most recent fiscal~~
9 ~~year~~ REDISTRICTING POPULATION DATA PREPARED BY STAFF OF THE
10 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, OR
11 ANY SUCCESSOR OFFICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-2-902. IN NO
12 EVENT SHALL THERE BE MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT DEVIATION BETWEEN
13 THE MOST POPULOUS AND THE LEAST POPULOUS DISTRICT IN EACH
14 COUNTY, AT THE TIME SUCH DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE ADOPTED. Each
15 district must be numbered consecutively and is not subject to alteration
16 more often than once every two years; except that, notwithstanding
17 subsection (3) of this section, the board may alter the districts to conform
18 to precinct boundaries that are changed in accordance with section
19 1-5-103 (1), based on the division of the state into congressional districts
20 or an approved plan for redistricting of the members of the general
21 assembly when necessary to ensure that no precinct is located in more
22 than one district. COUNTY commissioners are elected at large or from
23 districts according to the method of election described in section
24 30-10-306.5 (5) or (6) or section 30-10-306.7. If any COUNTY
25 commissioner required to be resident in a district moves during his or her
26 term of office from the district in which he or she resided when elected,
27 his or her office thereupon becomes vacant. All proceedings by the board

1 of county commissioners in formation of such districts not inconsistent
2 with this section are confirmed and validated.

3 (3) When a board of county commissioners determines to change
4 the boundaries of commissioner districts or when new districts are
5 created, such changes or additions ~~shall~~ MUST be made only in
6 odd-numbered years and, if made, ~~shall~~ MUST be completed by July 1 of
7 such year, except in cases of changes resulting from EITHER changes in
8 county boundaries OR FROM A FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN [REDACTED] IN
9 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-10-306.4.

10 (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of this section, after
11 each federal census of the United States, each COMMISSIONER district
12 ~~shall~~ MUST be established, revised, or altered to assure that such districts
13 ~~shall be~~ ARE as nearly equal in population as possible based on ~~such~~
14 ~~census minus the number of persons serving a sentence of detention or~~
15 ~~confinement in any correctional facility in the county as indicated in the~~
16 ~~statistical report of the department of corrections for the most recent fiscal~~
17 ~~year~~ THE REDISTRICTING POPULATION DATA PREPARED BY STAFF OF THE
18 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, OR
19 ANY SUCCESSOR OFFICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-2-902. IN NO
20 EVENT SHALL THERE BE MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT DEVIATION BETWEEN
21 THE MOST POPULOUS AND THE LEAST POPULOUS DISTRICT IN EACH
22 COUNTY, AT THE TIME SUCH DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE ADOPTED. The
23 establishment, revision, or alteration of districts required by this
24 subsection (4) ~~shall~~ MUST be completed by September 30 of the SECOND
25 odd-numbered year following such census. IF A DISTRICT IS REVISED OR
26 ALTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (4) IN A MANNER THAT
27 EXCLUDES THE RESIDENCE OF A COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELECTED TO

1 REPRESENT THE DISTRICT, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REMAINS ELIGIBLE
2 AND MAY CONTINUE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
3 UNTIL HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES.

4 (5) No less than thirty days before adopting any resolution to
5 change the boundaries of commissioner districts, or create new
6 commissioner districts, UNLESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
7 IS MAKING SUCH CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FINAL REDISTRICTING
8 PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-10-306.4, the board of county
9 commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed district
10 boundaries.

11 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION AND SECTIONS 30-10-306.1 TO
12 30-10-306.4, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

13 (a) "ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS A GROUP OF PERSONS WHO
14 ARE NOT NONPARTISAN STAFF OF THE COUNTY WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO
15 ASSIST THE COMMISSION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE
16 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DELEGATE ANY FUNCTIONS BUT
17 THE FINAL ADOPTION OF A PLAN TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE
18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST BE COMPOSED OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF
19 MEMBERS WHO ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE STATE'S LARGEST POLITICAL
20 PARTY, AFFILIATED WITH THE STATE'S SECOND LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY,
21 AND NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
22 SUBSECTION (6)(a), THE STATE'S TWO LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES SHALL
23 BE DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS AFFILIATED
24 WITH EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THE STATE ACCORDING TO VOTER
25 REGISTRATION DATA PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE
26 EARLIEST DAY IN JANUARY OF THE REDISTRICTING YEAR FOR WHICH SUCH
27 DATA IS PUBLISHED.

1 (b) "COMMISSION" MEANS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT
2 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, WHETHER THE COMMISSION IS AN
3 INDEPENDENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING
4 COMMISSION OR NOT. A COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING
5 COMMISSION CAN BE MADE UP SOLELY OF THE MEMBERS OF A COUNTY'S
6 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

7 (c) (I) "COMMUNITY OF INTEREST" MEANS ANY GROUP IN A
8 COUNTY THAT SHARES ONE OR MORE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS THAT MAY
9 BE THE SUBJECT OF ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
10 IS COMPOSED OF A REASONABLY PROXIMATE POPULATION, AND SHOULD BE
11 CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION WITHIN A SINGLE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF
12 ENSURING ITS FAIR AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION.

13 (II) SUCH INTERESTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO MATTERS
14 REFLECTING:

15 (A) SHARED PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNS OF URBAN, RURAL,
16 AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR TRADE AREAS; AND

17 (B) SHARED PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNS SUCH AS EDUCATION,
18 EMPLOYMENT, ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, WATER
19 NEEDS AND SUPPLIES, AND ISSUES OF DEMONSTRABLE REGIONAL
20 SIGNIFICANCE.

21 (III) GROUPS THAT MAY COMPRISE A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST
22 INCLUDE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUPS, SUBJECT TO
23 COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 30-10-306.3 (1)(b) AND (4)(b), WHICH
24 SUBSECTIONS PROTECT AGAINST THE DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT OF THE
25 RIGHT TO VOTE DUE TO A PERSON'S RACE OR LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUP.

26 (IV) "COMMUNITY OF INTEREST" DOES NOT INCLUDE
27 RELATIONSHIPS WITH POLITICAL PARTIES, INCUMBENTS, OR POLITICAL

1 CANDIDATES.

2 (d) "INDEPENDENT COMMISSION" MEANS AN INDEPENDENT
3 COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION CREATED
4 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-10-306.1 (2).

5 (e) "PLAN" MEANS A DEPICTION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF COUNTY
6 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS.

7 (f) "POPULATION" MEANS THE TOTAL POPULATION DATA
8 REFERENCED IN SECTION 2-2-901 AND PREPARED BY THE STAFF OF THE
9 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, OR
10 ANY SUCCESSOR OFFICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-2-902 (4).

11 (g) "RACE" OR "RACIAL" MEANS A CATEGORY OF RACE OR ETHNIC
12 ORIGIN DOCUMENTED IN THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS.

13 (h) "REDISTRICTING YEAR" MEANS THE SECOND ODD-NUMBERED
14 YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS
15 IS TAKEN OR THE YEAR FOLLOWING A COUNTY ELECTING TO HAVE ANY
16 NUMBER OF ITS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF
17 THE WHOLE COUNTY.

18 (i) "STAFF" MEANS THE NONPARTISAN STAFF OF THE COUNTY WHO
19 ARE ASSIGNED TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
20 COMMISSIONERS.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 30-10-306.1,
22 30-10-306.2, 30-10-306.3, and 30-10-306.4 as follows:

23 **30-10-306.1. Commission created - commission composition**
24 **and appointment.** (1) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN EACH
25 OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES MUST DESIGNATE A COUNTY COMMISSIONER
26 DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO
27 CONVENE AN INDEPENDENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

1 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, IN ORDER TO ADOPT A PLAN TO DIVIDE THE
2 RELEVANT COUNTY INTO AS MANY DISTRICTS AS THERE ARE COUNTY
3 COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY VOTERS OF THEIR DISTRICT:

4 (a) COUNTIES THAT HAVE ANY NUMBER OF THEIR COUNTY
5 COMMISSIONERS NOT ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY,
6 AFTER EACH FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES;

7 (b) COUNTIES THAT HAVE ANY NUMBER OF THEIR COUNTY
8 COMMISSIONERS NOT ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY
9 THAT CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY;

10 AND

11 (c) COUNTIES THAT HAVE ALL OF THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
12 ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY THAT THEN ELECT TO
13 HAVE ANY NUMBER OF THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT ELECTED BY
14 THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY.

15 (2) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION, A
16 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS ENCOURAGED TO:

17 (a) APPOINT PERSONS WHO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE POLITICAL
18 AFFILIATIONS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING
19 UNAFFILIATED RESIDENTS;

20 (b) APPOINT PERSONS WHO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE COUNTY'S
21 RACIAL, ETHNIC, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY; AND

22 (c) AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BASED ON PARTISAN
23 ALIGNMENTS.

24 (3) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN A COUNTY
25 DESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT REVISE OR
26 ALTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, BEYOND MAKING DE MINIMIS
27 REVISIONS OR ALTERATIONS, UNLESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY

1 COMMISSIONERS MAKES SUCH REVISIONS OR ALTERATIONS IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH A FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN PURSUANT TO
3 SECTION 30-10-306.4.

4 **30-10-306.2. Commission organization - procedures -**
5 **transparency - voting requirements.** (1) THE BOARD OF COUNTY
6 COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT STAFF AS NEEDED TO ASSIST THE
7 COMMISSION. STAFF OR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ACQUIRE AND
8 PREPARE ALL NECESSARY RESOURCES, INCLUDING COMPUTER HARDWARE,
9 SOFTWARE, AND DEMOGRAPHIC, GEOGRAPHIC, AND POLITICAL DATABASES,
10 AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO BEGIN
11 ITS WORK IMMEDIATELY UPON CONVENING.

12 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT VOTE UPON A FINAL PLAN UNTIL
13 AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO THE
14 COMMISSION IN A PUBLIC MEETING OR AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS
15 AFTER IT HAS BEEN AMENDED BY THE COMMISSION IN A PUBLIC MEETING,
16 WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER.

17 (3)(a) ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
18 OF THE COMMISSION, MAY PRESENT PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLANS OR
19 WRITTEN COMMENTS, OR BOTH, FOR THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION.

20 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE MEANINGFUL AND
21 SUBSTANTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS TO PRESENT
22 TESTIMONY, EITHER IN PERSON OR ELECTRONICALLY, AT HEARINGS. IF THE
23 HEARINGS ARE HELD IN PERSON, EACH HEARING MUST BE HELD IN A
24 DIFFERENT THIRD OF THE COUNTY. IF THE HEARINGS ARE HELD
25 ELECTRONICALLY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL EITHER
26 SOLICIT FEEDBACK FROM THE WHOLE COUNTY FOR EACH HEARING OR
27 SOLICIT FEEDBACK FROM A DIFFERENT THIRD OF THE COUNTY FOR EACH

1 HEARING. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ENSURE THAT
2 THESE HEARINGS ARE BROADLY PROMOTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
3 THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT APPROVE A REDISTRICTING PLAN UNTIL AT
4 LEAST THREE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD. NO GATHERING OF
5 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION CAN BE CONSIDERED A HEARING FOR THIS
6 PURPOSE UNLESS IT IS ATTENDED, IN PERSON OR ELECTRONICALLY, BY AT
7 LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. THE
8 COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF
9 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT A COMMISSION HEARING.

10 (c) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAINTAIN A WEBSITE THROUGH WHICH
11 ANY COUNTY RESIDENT MAY SUBMIT PROPOSED PLANS OR WRITTEN
12 COMMENTS, OR BOTH, WITHOUT ATTENDING A HEARING OF THE
13 COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE WEBSITE IS
14 EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND CONTAINS A RECORD OF THE COMMISSION'S
15 ACTIVITIES AND PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTIONS
16 TO STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ANY
17 PLAN AND THE COMMISSION'S RATIONALE FOR SUCH CHANGES.

18 (d) THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS
19 PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING ON ITS WEBSITE OR COMPARABLE MEANS
20 OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS THE NAME OF THE
21 COUNTY RESIDENT SUBMITTING SUCH COMMENTS. IF THE COMMISSION,
22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OR STAFF HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL BASIS TO BELIEVE
23 THAT A PERSON SUBMITTING SUCH COMMENTS HAS NOT TRUTHFULLY OR
24 ACCURATELY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF OR HERSELF, THE COMMISSION NEED
25 NOT CONSIDER AND NEED NOT PUBLISH SUCH COMMENTS BUT MUST
26 NOTIFY THE COMMENTER IN WRITING OF THIS FACT. THE COMMISSION MAY
27 WITHHOLD COMMENTS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FROM THE WEBSITE OR

1 COMPARABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC THAT DO NOT
2 RELATE TO REDISTRICTING PLANS, POLICIES, OR COMMUNITIES OF
3 INTEREST.

4 (e) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS ACCESS TO
5 THE HEARINGS BY BROADCASTING THEM VIA ITS WEBSITE OR
6 COMPARABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC, ALLOWING
7 BOTH ELECTRONIC AND IN-PERSON PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND MAINTAINING
8 AN ARCHIVE OF SUCH HEARINGS FOR ONLINE PUBLIC REVIEW.

9 (4) (a) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE GUARDIANS OF THE
10 PUBLIC TRUST AND ARE SUBJECT TO ANTIBRIBERY AND ABUSE OF PUBLIC
11 OFFICE REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN PARTS 3 AND 4 OF ARTICLE 8 OF
12 TITLE 18, AS AMENDED, OR ANY SUCCESSOR STATUTE.

13 (b) TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS:

14 (I) (A) THE COMMISSION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
15 ARE SUBJECT TO OPEN MEETINGS REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN PART 4
16 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24, AS AMENDED, OR ANY SUCCESSOR STATUTE.

17 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b)(I)(D) OF THIS
18 SECTION, A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT COMMUNICATE WITH
19 STAFF OR ANY MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MAPPING
20 OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS UNLESS THE COMMUNICATION IS
21 DURING A PUBLIC MEETING OR HEARING OF THE COMMISSION.

22 (C) EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT, STAFF SHALL NOT
23 HAVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF
24 ANY PLAN OUTSIDE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH ANYONE, INCLUDING ANY
25 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, EXCEPT OTHER STAFF MEMBERS.
26 LIKewise, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT, MEMBERS OF THE
27 ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL NOT HAVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT

1 THE CONTENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY PLAN OUTSIDE OF PUBLIC
2 HEARINGS WITH ANYONE, INCLUDING STAFF, EXCEPT OTHER MEMBERS OF
3 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OR
4 DEVELOPMENT OF ANY PLAN INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT HOW
5 PLANS WILL BE DRAWN TO SATISFY THE CRITERIA IN SECTION 30-10-306.3,
6 SPECIFIC PARAMETERS RELATED TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE CRITERIA
7 IN SECTION 30-10-306.3, AND REQUESTS FOR THE DRAWING OF
8 ADDITIONAL PLANS. STAFF OR MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
9 SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ANY ATTEMPT BY ANYONE TO EXERT
10 INFLUENCE OVER THE STAFF'S OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ROLE IN THE
11 DRAFTING OF PLANS.

12 (D) ONE OR MORE STAFF MAY BE DESIGNATED TO COMMUNICATE
13 WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND, IN
14 THE CASE OF A COMMISSION THAT IS COMPOSED OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
15 COMMISSIONERS, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE COUNTY, REGARDING
16 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, THE DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF WHICH SHALL
17 BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION. LIKewise, ONE OR MORE MEMBERS
18 OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY BE DESIGNATED TO COMMUNICATE
19 WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OR STAFF REGARDING
20 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, THE DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF WHICH SHALL
21 BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION. ANY COMMUNICATION THAT
22 OCCURS OUTSIDE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OR HEARING OF THE COMMISSION
23 BETWEEN STAFF AND A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BEYOND
24 THOSE ALLOWED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b)(I)(D), MUST BE
25 DOCUMENTED AND MADE A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

26 (E) IF A MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN A COMMUNICATION PROHIBITED
27 BY THIS SECTION, THE COMMUNICATION AND ANY COMPLAINTS

1 ASSOCIATED WITH IT MUST BE MADE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD AND
2 DOCUMENTED ON THE WEBSITE.

3 (II) THE COMMISSION, EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, THE
4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, EACH MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND
5 STAFF ARE SUBJECT TO OPEN RECORDS REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN
6 PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24, AS AMENDED, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
7 STATUTE; EXCEPT THAT PLANS IN DRAFT FORM AND NOT SUBMITTED TO
8 THE COMMISSION ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.
9 WORK PRODUCT AND COMMUNICATIONS AMONG STAFF, MEMBERS OF THE
10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND BETWEEN STAFF AND THE ADVISORY
11 COMMITTEE ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE ONCE A PLAN IS ADOPTED BY
12 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

13 (III) PERSONS WHO CONTRACT FOR OR RECEIVE COMPENSATION
14 FOR ADVOCATING TO THE COMMISSION, TO ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE
15 COMMISSION, TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO ONE OR MORE MEMBERS
16 OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OR TO STAFF FOR THE ADOPTION OR
17 REJECTION OF ANY PLAN, AMENDMENT TO A PLAN, MAPPING APPROACH, OR
18 MANNER OF COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE MAPPING CRITERIA SPECIFIED
19 IN SECTION 30-10-306.3 ARE LOBBYISTS WHO MUST DISCLOSE TO THE
20 SECRETARY OF STATE ANY COMPENSATION CONTRACTED FOR,
21 COMPENSATION RECEIVED, AND THE PERSON OR ENTITY CONTRACTING OR
22 PAYING FOR THEIR LOBBYING SERVICES. SUCH DISCLOSURE MUST BE MADE
23 NO LATER THAN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE EARLIER OF EACH
24 INSTANCE OF SUCH LOBBYING OR ANY PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION.
25 THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PUBLISH ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
26 WEBSITE OR COMPARABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC
27 THE NAMES OF SUCH LOBBYISTS, AS WELL AS THE COMPENSATION

1 RECEIVED AND THE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR WHOM THEY WORK WITHIN
2 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION. THE SECRETARY
3 OF STATE SHALL ADOPT RULES TO FACILITATE THE COMPLETE AND PROMPT
4 REPORTING REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b)(III) AS WELL AS A
5 COMPLAINT PROCESS TO ADDRESS ANY LOBBYIST'S FAILURE TO REPORT A
6 FULL AND ACCURATE DISCLOSURE, WHICH COMPLAINT MUST BE HEARD BY
7 AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, WHOSE DECISION MAY BE APPEALED TO
8 THE COURT OF APPEALS.

9 **30-10-306.3. Criteria for determination of county**
10 **commissioner districts - definition.** (1) IN ADOPTING A COUNTY

11 COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING PLAN, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

12 (a) MAKE A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MATHEMATICAL
13 POPULATION EQUALITY BETWEEN DISTRICTS, AS REQUIRED BY THE
14 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL THERE BE
15 MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT DEVIATION BETWEEN THE MOST POPULOUS AND
16 THE LEAST POPULOUS DISTRICT IN EACH COUNTY, AT THE TIME SUCH
17 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE ADOPTED; AND

18 (b) COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL "VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965",
19 52 U.S.C. SEC. 10301, AS AMENDED.

20 (2) (a) AS MUCH AS IS REASONABLY POSSIBLE, THE COMMISSION'S
21 PLAN MUST PRESERVE WHOLE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND WHOLE
22 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SUCH AS CITIES AND TOWNS; EXCEPT THAT A
23 DIVISION OF SUCH CITY OR TOWN IS PERMITTED WHERE, BASED ON A
24 PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD, A COMMUNITY OF
25 INTEREST'S LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ARE MORE ESSENTIAL TO THE FAIR AND
26 EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT. WHEN THE
27 COMMISSION DIVIDES A CITY OR TOWN, IT SHALL MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF

1 DIVISIONS OF THAT CITY OR TOWN.

2 (b) DISTRICTS MUST BE AS COMPACT AS IS REASONABLY POSSIBLE.

3 (3) (a) THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL, TO THE EXTENT
4 REASONABLY POSSIBLE, MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF POLITICALLY
5 COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS.

6 (b) IN ITS HEARINGS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY, THE
7 COMMISSION SHALL SOLICIT EVIDENCE RELEVANT TO COMPETITIVENESS OF
8 ELECTIONS IN THE COUNTY AND SHALL ASSESS SUCH EVIDENCE IN
9 EVALUATING PROPOSED PLANS.

10 (c) WHEN THE COMMISSION APPROVES A PLAN, ■■■ THE STAFF
11 OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL, WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS OF SUCH
12 ACTION, MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, AND INCLUDE IN THE COMMISSION'S
13 RECORD, A REPORT TO DEMONSTRATE HOW THE PLAN REFLECTS THE
14 EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO, AND THE FINDINGS CONCERNING, THE EXTENT
15 TO WHICH COMPETITIVENESS IN DISTRICT ELECTIONS IS FOSTERED
16 CONSISTENT WITH THE OTHER CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

17 (d) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (3), "COMPETITIVE" MEANS
18 HAVING A REASONABLE POTENTIAL FOR THE PARTY AFFILIATION OF THE
19 DISTRICT'S COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO CHANGE AT LEAST ONCE BETWEEN
20 FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUSES. COMPETITIVENESS MAY BE MEASURED BY
21 FACTORS SUCH AS A PROPOSED DISTRICT'S PAST ELECTION RESULTS, A
22 PROPOSED DISTRICT'S POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION DATA, AND
23 EVIDENCE-BASED ANALYSES OF PROPOSED DISTRICTS.

24 (4) NO PLAN MAY BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
25 COMMISSIONERS OR THE COMMISSION IF THE PLAN:

26 (a) HAS BEEN DRAWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING ONE OR
27 MORE INCUMBENT MEMBERS, OR ONE OR MORE DECLARED CANDIDATES,

1 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OR ANY POLITICAL PARTY; OR

2 (b) HAS BEEN DRAWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF OR RESULTS IN THE
3 DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT OF THE RIGHT OF ANY CITIZEN TO VOTE ON
4 ACCOUNT OF THAT PERSON'S RACE OR MEMBERSHIP IN A LANGUAGE
5 MINORITY GROUP, INCLUDING DILUTING THE IMPACT OF THAT RACIAL OR
6 LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUP'S ELECTORAL INFLUENCE.

7 (5) SO LONG AS THE COMMISSION HAS COMPLIED WITH THE
8 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (1) THROUGH (4) OF THIS SECTION, IN
9 ADOPTING A COUNTY COMMISSIONER REDISTRICTING PLAN, THE
10 COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, STATE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS, AND STATE SENATE DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO
12 MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF NECESSARY VOTING PRECINCTS IN A COUNTY.

13 **30-10-306.4. Deadlines for preparation, amendment, and**
14 **approval of plans.** (1) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL
15 ESTABLISH DEADLINES TO ENSURE THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY
16 COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADOPT A PLAN FOR THE REDRAWING OF COUNTY
17 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE
18 REDISTRICTING YEAR. THESE DEADLINES MUST INCLUDE DATES BY WHICH
19 THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED:

20 (a) THE DESIGNATION OF A COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
21 SECTION 30-10-306.1;

22 (b) THE APPOINTMENT OF STAFF AND AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS
23 NEEDED TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION AND THE ACQUISITION OF ALL
24 NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO BEGIN ITS WORK,
25 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-10-306.2 (1);

26 (c) THE CREATION OF A WEBSITE AND A METHOD FOR COUNTY
27 RESIDENTS TO PRESENT TESTIMONY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION

1 30-10-306.2 (3);

2 (d) THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS TO STAFF OR AN
3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND ANY MEMBER
4 OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CREATION OF NOT LESS THAN THREE PLANS
5 FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, CREATED BY STAFF OR AN
6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALONE, AND ON COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
7 THAT REQUIRE REPRESENTATION IN ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE
8 COUNTY. STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER SUCH
9 COMMENTS IN CREATING THE PLANS, AND SUCH COMMENTS SHALL BE PART
10 OF THE RECORD OF THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES AND PROCEEDINGS.
11 STAFF AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL KEEP EACH PLAN
12 CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL IT IS PUBLISHED ONLINE OR BY A COMPARABLE
13 MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC USING GENERALLY
14 AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES. THE COMMISSION MAY PROVIDE DIRECTION
15 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PLANS THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF
16 STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, OR METHODOLOGIES TO WHICH STAFF AND THE
17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ADHERE, INCLUDING STANDARDS,
18 GUIDELINES, OR METHODOLOGIES TO BE USED TO EVALUATE A PLAN'S
19 COMPETITIVENESS, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 30-10-306.3 (3)(d).

20 (e) THE CREATION, PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION, AND
21 PUBLISHING ONLINE OF THE PLANS. AT PUBLIC HEARINGS AT WHICH THE
22 PLANS ARE PRESENTED, STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL
23 EXPLAIN HOW THE PLANS WERE CREATED, HOW THE PLANS ADDRESS THE
24 CATEGORIES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, AND HOW THE PLANS
25 COMPLY WITH THE CRITERIA PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 30-10-306.3.

26 (f) THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PLANS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
27 30-10-306.2 (3)(b), IN WHICH THE COMMISSION SOLICITS FEEDBACK FROM

1 THE COUNTY;

2 [REDACTED]

3 (g) THE REQUEST BY ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OR GROUP
4 OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR STAFF OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5 TO PREPARE ADDITIONAL PLANS OR AMENDMENTS TO PLANS. ANY SUCH
6 REQUEST MUST BE MADE IN A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMISSION BUT
7 DOES NOT REQUIRE COMMISSION APPROVAL.

8 (h) THE ADOPTION OF A FINAL PLAN BY THE COMMISSION. [REDACTED]

9 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY ADJUST THE DEADLINES SPECIFIED IN
10 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, IF CONDITIONS OUTSIDE OF THE
11 COMMISSION'S CONTROL REQUIRE SUCH AN ADJUSTMENT TO ENSURE THAT
12 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CAN APPROVE A PLAN FOR THE
13 REDRAWING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS NO LATER THAN
14 SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE REDISTRICTING YEAR.

15 [REDACTED]

16 (3) THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT ITS STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO
17 MAKE TECHNICAL DE MINIMIS ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ADOPTED PLAN.

18 (4) UPON ADOPTION OF THE PLAN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION,
19 THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE PUBLISHED PLAN TO THE
20 SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

21 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE
22 CONTRARY, A COUNTY COMMISSIONER MAY REMAIN ON THE BOARD OF
23 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, EVEN IF HE OR SHE NO LONGER RESIDES IN THE
24 DISTRICT HE OR SHE REPRESENTS, UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF HIS OR HER
25 TERM OF OFFICE, SO LONG AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER RESIDED
26 IN THE DISTRICT HE OR SHE REPRESENTED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE [REDACTED] A PLAN
27 FOR THE REDRAWING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS WAS ADOPTED

1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

2 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-306.7, **amend**
3 (3) as follows:

4 **30-10-306.7. Procedure for electing county commissioners.**

5 (3) (a) Subject to referral as provided in this subsection (3), a board of
6 county commissioners may pass a resolution ~~changing the method of~~
7 ~~electing the members of the board~~ or decreasing the membership of the
8 board, as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Prior to the ninetieth
9 day before the next general election, the board of county commissioners
10 shall request that the county clerk and recorder place the resolution on the
11 ballot for referral to the registered electors of the county at the next
12 general election.

13 (b) SUBJECT TO REFERRAL AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3),
14 A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PASS A RESOLUTION CHANGING
15 THE METHOD OF ELECTING THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THE RESOLUTION
16 SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY AT A
17 GENERAL ELECTION. IF ANY NUMBER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE
18 NOT ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY WHEN THE BOARD
19 OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASSES THIS RESOLUTION, THEN THE
20 RESOLUTION MUST DESIGNATE NO FEWER THAN TWO OF THE METHODS OF
21 ELECTION SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. IF A MAJORITY
22 OF VOTES CAST ARE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION, THE BOARD OF COUNTY
23 COMMISSIONERS SHALL TAKE SUCH ACTION AS IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE
24 THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE ELECTED AT THE NEXT GENERAL
25 ELECTION ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION CONTAINED IN
26 THE RESOLUTION THAT RECEIVED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST.

27 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-101, **amend** (3);

1 **repeal** (2); and **add** (7) as follows:

2 **1-5-101. Establishing precincts and polling places for partisan**
3 **elections.** (2) ~~In counties that use paper ballots, the county clerk and~~
4 ~~recorder, subject to approval by the board of county commissioners, shall~~
5 ~~establish at least one precinct for every six hundred active eligible~~
6 ~~electors, with boundaries that take into consideration municipal and~~
7 ~~school district boundary lines whenever possible. However, the county~~
8 ~~clerk and recorder, subject to approval by the board of county~~
9 ~~commissioners, may establish one precinct for every seven hundred fifty~~
10 ~~active eligible electors.~~

11 (3) (a) ~~In a county that uses an electronic or electromechanical~~
12 ~~voting system, the~~ EVERY county clerk and recorder, subject to approval
13 by the board of county commissioners, shall establish at least one precinct
14 for every one thousand five hundred active eligible electors IN THE
15 COUNTY AT THE TIME OF THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS.
16 However, the county clerk and recorder, subject to approval by the board,
17 may establish one precinct for every two thousand active eligible electors.

18 (b) THE PRECINCTS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND
19 RECORDER IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION NEED NOT BE MODIFIED
20 UNTIL THE PRECINCTS HAVE MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY ACTIVE ELIGIBLE
21 ELECTORS AS THEY DID AT THE TIME OF THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL
22 DECENNIAL CENSUS, OR WHEN THEY WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY
23 CLERK AND RECORDER, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

24 (7) IN ANY COUNTY, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER MAY
25 ALTER THE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES WHEN NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT NO
26 PRECINCT IS LOCATED IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
27 DISTRICT.

1 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 2-2-901 as
2 follows:

3 **2-2-901. Population data for redistricting.** For purposes of
4 redrawing the boundaries of congressional, state senatorial, **and** state
5 representative, ~~districts~~ AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS after each
6 federal census, the independent legislative and congressional redistricting
7 commissions established pursuant to sections 44 and 46 of article V of the
8 state constitution AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT
9 REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION
10 30-10-306.1 shall use total population data supplied by the United States
11 census bureau that has been used to apportion the seats in the United
12 States house of representatives among the states as adjusted by the
13 legislative council staff and office of legislative legal services, or any
14 successor offices, pursuant to section 2-2-902.

15 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-902, **amend** (4)
16 as follows:

17 **2-2-902. Accurate census data - electronic record of prisoner**
18 **home address - adjustment of census data - definitions.** (4) Pursuant
19 to subsection (5) of this section, nonpartisan staff shall prepare
20 redistricting population data to reflect incarcerated persons at their
21 residential addresses in this state rather than their place of incarceration.
22 This data prepared by nonpartisan staff is the necessary census data
23 provided to and to be used by the independent legislative and
24 congressional redistricting commissions established pursuant to sections
25 44 and 46 of article V of the state constitution AND IN THE
26 ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO
27 SECTION 30-10-306. The data is the population basis of congressional

1 districts, COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, state house of representative
2 districts, and state senate districts. Nonpartisan staff shall make this
3 census data available to the independent legislative and congressional
4 redistricting commissions and to members of the public and any county
5 or local governmental entity of Colorado upon request.

6 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.