

## CHAPTER 86

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**ELECTIONS**

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**HOUSE BILL 00-1148**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Paschall, Lawrence, Spence, Gordon, Hagedorn, Lee, Nuñez, Piffner, Scott, Sinclair, Stengel, Swenson, Tochtrop, Windels, Fairbank, and McKay;  
also SENATORS Congrove, Andrews, Hillman, Musgrave, and Weddig.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SYSTEM FOR NUMBERING COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCTS.

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

**SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 5 of title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**1-5-101.5. Precinct numbering.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A PRECINCT NUMBERING SYSTEM THAT SHALL BE USED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OF EACH COUNTY OF THE STATE IN NUMBERING ELECTION PRECINCTS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-5-101. THE PRECINCT NUMBERING SYSTEM CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE USED UNTIL THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF SENATORIAL AND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED AFTER THE 2000 FEDERAL CENSUS PURSUANT TO SECTION 48 OF ARTICLE V OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION IS COMPLETED, BUT THE PRECINCT NUMBERING SYSTEM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED BY EACH COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2002.

(2) ANY ELECTION PRECINCT ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1-5-101 SHALL BE NUMBERED WITH AN EIGHT DIGIT NUMBER AS FOLLOWS:

(a) THE FIRST DIGIT OF THE PRECINCT NUMBER SHALL CONSIST OF THE NUMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PRECINCT IS CONTAINED.

(b) THE SECOND AND THIRD DIGITS OF THE PRECINCT NUMBER SHALL CONSIST OF THE NUMBER OF THE STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PRECINCT IS CONTAINED. IF THE STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONSISTS OF ONE DIGIT, SUCH DIGIT SHALL BE PRECEDED BY A ZERO FOR PURPOSES OF THE PRECINCT NUMBER.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(c) THE FOURTH AND FIFTH DIGITS OF THE PRECINCT NUMBER SHALL CONSIST OF THE NUMBER OF THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PRECINCT IS CONTAINED. IF THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT CONSISTS OF ONE DIGIT, SUCH DIGIT SHALL BE PRECEDED BY A ZERO FOR PURPOSES OF THE PRECINCT NUMBER.

(d) THE LAST THREE DIGITS OF THE PRECINCT NUMBER SHALL CONSIST OF AN INDIVIDUAL PRECINCT NUMBER AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.

(3) ANY CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBERING REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE COMPLETED AND REPORTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-5-103 (3).

**SECTION 2.** 1-5-101 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**1-5-101. Establishing precincts and polling places for partisan elections.**

(1) Subject to approval by the board of county commissioners, the county clerk and recorder of each county shall divide the county into as many election precincts for all general, primary, and congressional vacancy elections as is convenient for the eligible electors of the county and shall designate the place for each precinct at which elections are to be held. In establishing boundaries, the board of county commissioners shall take into consideration natural and artificial boundaries that meet the requirements of the United States bureau of the census. The precincts shall be numbered IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-5-101.5. Changes in the precinct boundaries of a county shall be made only within the district boundaries of each representative and senatorial district.

**SECTION 3.** 1-5-103 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**1-5-103. Changes in boundaries - partisan elections.** (3) All changes in precinct boundaries or numbering for partisan elections, INCLUDING CHANGES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-101.5, shall be reported within ten days by the county clerk and recorder to the secretary of state, and a corrected precinct map shall be transmitted to the secretary of state as soon as possible after the changes have been effected.

**SECTION 4.** 30-11-107 (1) (f), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**30-11-107. Powers of the board.** (1) The board of county commissioners of each county has power at any meeting:

(f) To set off, organize, and change the boundaries of precincts in their respective counties and to designate and ~~give names therefor~~ NUMBER SUCH PRECINCTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 1-5-101 AND 1-5-101.5, C.R.S.;

**SECTION 5. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then

the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: March 31, 2000