

## CHAPTER 227

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**ELECTIONS**


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**HOUSE BILL 04-1445**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Spradley, Decker, Hoppe, and Weddig;  
also SENATOR(S) Andrews.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE TIMING OF MEETINGS OF THE BALLOT TITLE BOARD.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 1-40-106 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**1-40-106. Title board - meetings - titles and submission clause.** (1) For ballot issues, beginning with the first submission of a draft after an election, the secretary of state shall convene a title board consisting of the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the director of the office of legislative legal services or the director's designee. The title board, by majority vote, shall proceed to designate and fix a proper fair title for each proposed law or constitutional amendment, together with a submission clause, at public meetings to be held at ~~2 p.m.~~ THE HOUR DETERMINED BY THE TITLE BOARD on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in which a draft or a motion for reconsideration has been submitted to the secretary of state. To be considered at such meeting, a draft shall be submitted to the secretary of state no later than 3 p.m. on the twelfth day before the meeting at which the draft is to be considered by the title board. The first meeting of the title board shall be held no sooner than the first Wednesday in December after an election, and the last meeting shall be held no later than the third Wednesday in May in the year in which the measure is to be voted on.

**SECTION 2.** 1-40-107 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**1-40-107. Rehearing - appeal - fees - signing.** (1) Any person presenting an initiative petition or any registered elector who is not satisfied with a decision of the title board with respect to whether a petition contains more than a single subject pursuant to section 1-40-106.5, or who is not satisfied with the titles and submission clause provided by the title board and who claims that they are unfair or that they do

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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.*

not fairly express the true meaning and intent of the proposed state law or constitutional amendment may file a motion for a rehearing with the secretary of state within seven days after the decision is made or the titles and submission clause are set. The motion for rehearing shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the title board; except that, if the title board is unable to complete action on all matters scheduled for that day, consideration of any motion for rehearing may be continued to the next available day, and except that, if the titles and submission clause protested were set at the last meeting in May, the motion shall be heard within forty-eight hours after the ~~motion is filed~~ EXPIRATION OF THE SEVEN-DAY PERIOD FOR THE FILING OF SUCH MOTIONS.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 12, 2004