

Initiative 2023-2024 #__ : Majority Support Requirement for Colorado Vacancy Elections

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 13 to article VII as follows:

SECTION 13. PROHIBITION ON USE OF VACANCY COMMITTEES FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (1) IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAUSED BY THE DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN SWORN INTO OFFICE, OR CAUSED BY THE DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED TO A SEAT BUT WHO HAS NOT YET BEEN SWORN INTO OFFICE, THE USE OF A VACANCY COMMITTEE TO FILL THAT VACANCY IS PROHIBITED.

(2) VACANCIES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE FILLED BY AN ELECTION CONDUCTED THROUGH A PROCESS WHEREBY THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING A MAJORITY OF VOTES IS ELECTED.

(3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION FOR VACANCY ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING A MAJORITY OF VOTES IS ELECTED.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS INITIATIVE SHALL APPLY TO ELECTIONS HELD ON OR AFTER THE EARLIER OF THE OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE VOTE HEREON BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE VOTE HAS BEEN CANVASSED, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE V OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION.