

SUMMARY SHEET

Concerning Modernization of Election Procedures for the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District to Conform the Election Procedures with the Current Requirements of State Law

Representatives: **Coleman**, Kennedy

Senators: **Priola**

Purpose

This bill seeks to modernize the election procedures of the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, that have not changed since 1992. This bill aims to make changes to the district's elections so that they conform to the current requirements of state law. The UDFCD needs this clean up to continue to protect Coloradans from flood fatalities and dangers. UDFCD covers the following counties and many more cities and towns:

Adams County
Arapahoe County
Boulder County
Broomfield County
Denver County
Douglas County
Jefferson County

Background

The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD), which was formed by the Legislature in 1969, was a response to flood events in the Denver metro area. The District's mission is to protect people, property and the environment through preservation, mitigation and education. The purpose of the UDFCD is to assist local governments in the Denver metropolitan area with multi-jurisdictional drainage and flood control problems. The District covers an area of 1608 square miles and includes Denver, large parts of the 6 surrounding counties, and all or parts of 33 incorporated cities and towns. The population within the District is approximately 2.8 million people.

UDFCD partners with communities within the UDFCD boundary in the development of watershed master plans which help identify remedial stormwater quality and flood risk management projects for construction and to guide new land development projects to be consistent with regional drainage and flood control needs. The District then partners with local governments—usually under a 50/50 cost sharing agreement to build and maintain Capital Improvement or Stream Management projects.

Bill Action

- Section 1 conforms the definitions of “elector”, “registered elector”, “special election”, “election”, “publication” and “taxpaying elector” to current law.
- Section 2 clarifies that the UDFCD may hold independent or coordinated elections.
 - Changes “Separately” to “Independently”

- Says the UDFCD will only pay for reasonable cost in a coordinated election (Its portion of the shared population in coordinated elections or its share of the ballot items.)
- Section 3 deletes obsolete language concerning calling elections by resolution.
- Section 4 makes the annexation election process concerning ballot measures conform to the current special district inclusion election ballot measure process.
 - Specifically stating how the question will appear on the ballot.

Support

- **The Special District Association**

