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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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 modifies the process for filling vacancies in an unexpired term in the office of county commissioner for county commissioners affiliated with a major political party in counties with populations of at least 50,000. Under current law, in the event of a vacancy in an unexpired term in the office of county commissioner, a vacancy committee appoints an individual to fill the vacancy until the next general election. The bill

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changes this process for a vacancy in an unexpired term of a county commissioner who is affiliated with a major political party if the vacancy occurs on or after July 31 of an even-numbered year but before July 31 of an odd-numbered year. If a vacancy in the office of county commissioner occurs on or after July 31 of an odd-numbered year but before July 31 of an even-numbered year or if a vacancy occurs and the unexpired term is less than 90 days, the vacancy is filled pursuant to current law.

The bill requires that, if the vacancy occurs on or after July 31 of an even-numbered year but before July 31 of an odd-numbered year, the vacancy must be filled by vacancy committee selection until the next regularly scheduled odd-year November election following the vacancy, when the vacancy must be filled by vacancy election held as part of the odd-year November election (vacancy election). An individual elected at a vacancy election serves until the next general election.

A vacancy election is administered according to the state election code, as applicable. A candidate must be placed on the ballot for a vacancy election if the candidate:

- Files a nominating statement signed by 30% of the district vacancy committee members with the county clerk and recorder and the candidate's major political party by the seventieth day before the vacancy election; or
- Submits to the county clerk and recorder, at least 75 days prior to the vacancy election, a notarized candidate's statement of intent and a petition signed by at least 200 electors who are affiliated with the same major political party as the candidate and are eligible to vote in the district for which the candidate is to be elected.

No other candidates are placed on the ballot. A candidate must meet the current statutory and constitutional requirements for serving as a county commissioner and be registered with the vacating commissioner's major political party by the first business day in January of the calendar year in which the vacancy election occurs. A candidate in a vacancy election is subject to the campaign finance requirements of the "Fair Campaign Practices Act".

Only registered electors who reside within the district served by the vacating commissioner and who are registered with the same major political party as the vacating commissioner or who are unaffiliated with a political party are eligible to vote in a vacancy election, unless 75% of the political party county central committee affirmatively votes to allow only electors affiliated with the political party to vote in a vacancy election.

The bill also makes conforming amendments.

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **add** (7.3)
2 as follows:

3 **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context
4 otherwise requires:

5 (7.3) "COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION" MEANS AN
6 ELECTION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (8)(a) THAT IS CONDUCTED AS
7 PART OF A NOVEMBER ODD-YEAR COORDINATED ELECTION AND THAT IS
8 HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY IN AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF
9 THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER WHO WAS AFFILIATED WITH A
10 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST
11 FIFTY THOUSAND ACTIVE VOTERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LAST GENERAL
12 ELECTION.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-702, **amend** (1)
14 and (3) as follows:

15 **1-4-702. Nominations of candidates for election by**
16 **convention.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a political
17 party may choose to change from the nomination of candidates by
18 primary election OR BY THE PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-12-206 (8)
19 IN THE CASE OF A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION to the
20 nomination of candidates by assembly or convention for all offices
21 including, but not limited to, United States senator, representative in
22 congress, all elective state, district, and county officers, and members of
23 the general assembly if at least three-fourths of the total VOTING
24 membership of the party's state central committee votes ARE CAST IN THE
25 AFFIRMATIVE to use the assembly or convention nomination process;
26 except that nominations by major political parties for candidates for
27 lieutenant governor shall be made by the party's candidate for governor

1 pursuant to section 1-4-502 (3). Such vote of the party central committee
2 shall occur no later than October 1 of the year preceding the year in which
3 an assembly or convention nominating process is to be used. FOR
4 PURPOSES OF THIS VOTE, MEMBERS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
5 SHALL NOT VOTE BY PROXY.

6 (3) Whichever method of candidate selection is chosen by a major
7 political party as between primary election, assembly, or convention, all
8 of the candidates for that party at any level of office in that election year
9 must be selected by such method, except that the requirements of this
10 provision shall not apply to a primary for president of the United States
11 if such an election is held OR TO CANDIDATES FOR A COUNTY
12 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-12-206(8).

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-505.5, **add** (1)(d)
14 as follows:

15 **1-5-505.5. State reimbursement to counties for elections with**
16 **state certified ballot content.** (1) (d) (I) FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER
17 VACANCY ELECTION, [REDACTED], HELD AS PART OF AN ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER
18 ELECTION FOR WHICH THE STATE CERTIFIES ANY BALLOT CONTENT, THE
19 STATE SHALL REIMBURSE EACH COUNTY FOR FORTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE
20 COSTS THAT THE COUNTY INCURS IN CONDUCTING THE COORDINATED
21 ELECTION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE VACANCY ELECTION, ARE
22 REIMBURSED ACCORDING TO SUBSECTIONS (1)(a) AND (1)(b) OF THIS
23 SECTION. THE REMAINDER OF THE COSTS THAT THE COUNTY INCURS IN
24 CONDUCTING THE VACANCY ELECTION IS A COUNTY CHARGE, THE
25 PAYMENT OF WHICH IS PROVIDED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE PAYMENT
26 OF OTHER EXPENSES. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ADOPT RULES FOR
27 DETERMINING WHICH COSTS ARE NECESSARY AND REASONABLE AND

1 THEREFORE REIMBURSABLE BY THE STATE.

2 (II) FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, ■, HELD
3 AS PART OF AN ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR WHICH THE STATE
4 DOES NOT CERTIFY ANY BALLOT CONTENT, THE COSTS THAT THE COUNTY
5 INCURS IN CONDUCTING THE VACANCY ELECTION ARE COUNTY COSTS.

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-206, **amend** (1)
7 and (5); and **add** (8) as follows:

8 **1-12-206. Vacancies in the office of county commissioner -**
9 **county commissioner vacancy election.** (1) In case of a vacancy
10 occurring in the office of county commissioner, a vacancy committee
11 constituted as provided in this section shall, by a majority vote of its
12 members present at a meeting called for the purpose, fill the vacancy by
13 appointment within ten days after the occurrence of the vacancy. The
14 meeting shall not be held unless a quorum is present consisting of not less
15 than one-half of the voting members of the vacancy committee. A
16 member of the vacancy committee may not vote by proxy. ALL VACANCY
17 COMMITTEE MEETINGS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE IN REAL TIME BY LIVE
18 STREAMING VIDEO OR AUDIO THAT IS RECORDED AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE
19 PUBLIC. If the vacancy committee fails to fill the vacancy within ten days,
20 the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment within fifteen days
21 after the occurrence of the vacancy.

22 (5) Any person appointed to a vacancy in the office of county
23 commissioner under this section must be a resident of the county and
24 reside within the district, if any, in which the vacancy exists and must be
25 a member of the same MAJOR political party or minor political party, if
26 any, shown in the statewide voter registration system as the vacating
27 commissioner. ~~Any~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8)

1 OF THIS SECTION, A person appointed pursuant to this section holds the
2 office until the next general election or until the vacancy is filled by
3 election according to law.

4 (8) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-12-208 AND
5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY IN SECTION
6 1-4-1010, FOR COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST FIFTY
7 THOUSAND ACTIVE VOTERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LAST GENERAL
8 ELECTION THAT ARE NOT HOME RULE COUNTIES, IF A VACANCY IN THE
9 OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OCCURS ON OR AFTER JULY 31 OF AN
10 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR AND BEFORE JULY 31 OF THE NEXT
11 ODD-NUMBERED YEAR AND THE FORMER COMMISSIONER WHOSE SEAT IS
12 VACANT WAS AFFILIATED WITH A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY, THE VACANCY
13 MUST BE FILLED BY A VACANCY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)
14 OF THIS SECTION UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED ODD-YEAR
15 NOVEMBER ELECTION, WHEN THE VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY COUNTY
16 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE VACANCY
17 OCCURS FOR A SEAT THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ON THE BALLOT AT THE
18 UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN THAT EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR AND
19 THE VACANCY OCCURS ON OR AFTER JULY 31 OF THAT EVEN-NUMBERED
20 YEAR BUT BEFORE THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD GOVERNED BY SECTION
21 1-12-208, THE VACANCY IS FILLED BY VACANCY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO
22 THIS SECTION. THE CANDIDATE ELECTED IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
23 VACANCY ELECTION SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY
24 SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION, WHEN THE VACANCY MUST BE FILLED BY
25 ELECTION.

26 (b) THE ONLY CANDIDATES WHO MAY RUN IN A COUNTY
27 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION ARE CANDIDATES WHO ARE

1 MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AND RESIDENTS OF THE SAME
2 DISTRICT AS THE FORMER COMMISSIONER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT. A
3 CANDIDATE MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE SAME MAJORITY POLITICAL
4 PARTY AS THE VACATING COMMISSIONER BY THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY IN
5 JANUARY OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
6 VACANCY ELECTION OCCURS.

7 (c) A CANDIDATE FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
8 ELECTION IS ELIGIBLE TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IF THE CANDIDATE:

9 (I) FILES A NOMINATING STATEMENT ON A FORM CREATED BY THE
10 CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS SIGNED BY AT LEAST THIRTY
11 PERCENT OF THE APPLICABLE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH THE
12 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER AND THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY
13 BEFORE 5 P.M. ON THE SEVENTIETH DAY PRECEDING THE COUNTY
14 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION; OR

15 (II) SUBMITS TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, NO LATER
16 THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THEIR PETITION FORMAT HAS BEEN APPROVED
17 OR EIGHTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
18 ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS SOONER, A NOTARIZED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
19 OF INTENT AND A PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED ELECTORS
20 WHO HAVE BEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS THE
21 CANDIDATE FOR TWENTY-TWO DAYS BEFORE SIGNING THE PETITION AND
22 ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS TO
23 BE ELECTED. PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 1 APPLIES TO PETITIONS
24 SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT
25 THE PROVISIONS OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 1 THAT CONFLICT
26 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OR TIMELINE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, AS
27 WELL AS PROVISIONS OF PART 9 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 1 THAT APPLY

1 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S REVIEW OF PETITIONS, DO NOT APPLY TO
2 PETITIONS SUBMITTED AND REVIEWED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8) OF
3 THIS SECTION. PETITIONS MUST NOT BE CIRCULATED AND SIGNATURES
4 MUST NOT BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE
5 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE VACANCY. A PETITION MUST NOT BE CIRCULATED
6 UNTIL IT HAS BEEN APPROVED AS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION
7 1-4-904 AS TO FORM. THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL APPROVE
8 OR DISAPPROVE A PETITION AS TO FORM NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF THE
9 SECOND BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED
10 PETITION.

11 (d) A CANDIDATE SHALL ONLY SEEK TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT
12 FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION THROUGH ONE OF THE
13 METHODS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (e) (I) THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY COUNTY CHAIR SHALL
15 VERIFY THAT A NOMINATING STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THIS
16 SUBSECTION (8) SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF
17 THIS SECTION. UPON THE POLITICAL PARTY COUNTY CHAIR'S VERIFICATION
18 THAT THE NOMINATING STATEMENT IS SUFFICIENT, THE COUNTY CLERK
19 AND RECORDER SHALL CERTIFY THE CANDIDATE TO THE BALLOT.

20 (II) IF A VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGNS A NOMINATING
21 STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION
22 AFTER HAVING SIGNED ANOTHER NOMINATING STATEMENT FILED FOR THE
23 SAME OFFICE IN THE SAME COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION,
24 THE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SIGNATURE ONLY COUNTS TOWARD
25 THE THIRTY PERCENT OF APPLICABLE VACANCY COMMITTEE MEMBER
26 SIGNATURES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF THIS
27 SECTION ON THE FIRST NOMINATING STATEMENT SUBMITTED THAT

1 CONTAINS THE SIGNATURE.

2 (f) (I) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL VERIFY THAT A
3 PETITION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8) SATISFIES THE
4 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (8)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION. THE COUNTY
5 CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL REVIEW THE PETITION ACCORDING TO
6 SECTION 1-4-908; EXCEPT THAT THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
7 SHALL NOTIFY THE CANDIDATE OF THE SUFFICIENCY OR INSUFFICIENCY OF
8 THE PETITION NO LATER THAN TEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE
9 PETITION. IF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER DETERMINES THE
10 PETITION TO BE SUFFICIENT, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL
11 ISSUE A STATEMENT OF SUFFICIENCY. PROTESTS AND REVIEW OF THE
12 SUFFICIENCY OF A PETITION ARE ACCORDING TO SECTIONS 1-4-909 AND
13 1-4-911. CANDIDATE PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT IS DRAWN BY LOT.

14 (II) IF AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR SIGNS A PETITION IN ACCORDANCE
15 WITH SUBSECTION (8)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION AFTER HAVING SIGNED
16 ANOTHER PETITION SUBMITTED FOR THE SAME OFFICE IN THE SAME
17 COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, THE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE
18 ONLY COUNTS TOWARD THE TWO HUNDRED ELECTOR SIGNATURES
19 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION ON THE
20 FIRST PETITION SUBMITTED THAT CONTAINS THE SIGNATURE.

21 (g) THE ONLY VOTERS WHO MAY VOTE IN THE COUNTY
22 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION ARE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE
23 COUNTY OF THE FORMER COMMISSIONER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT AND
24 WHO:

25 (I) ARE AFFILIATED, AS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY BEFORE THE
26 COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, WITH THE SAME POLITICAL
27 PARTY AS THE FORMER COMMISSIONER WHOSE SEAT IS VACANT; OR

1 (II) ARE UNAFFILIATED, UNLESS AT LEAST THREE-FOURTHS OF THE
2 TOTAL VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLITICAL PARTY'S STATE CENTRAL
3 COMMITTEE VOTES ARE CAST IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO ONLY ALLOW
4 MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY TO VOTE AT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER
5 VACANCY ELECTION. SUCH VOTE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST
6 OCCUR NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE COUNTY
7 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS VOTE,
8 MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL NOT VOTE BY PROXY.

9 (h) EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BY THIS SUBSECTION (8), THE
10 APPROPRIATE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL CONDUCT THE
11 COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION AS PART OF THE
12 COORDINATED ODD-YEAR NOVEMBER ELECTION.

13 (i) UPON RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFIED ABSTRACT OF VOTES CAST,
14 THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF
15 ELECTION TO THE SUCCESSOR CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST
16 NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION.
17 THE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES MUST BE
18 SWORN IN AND ASSUMES THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE UPON CERTIFICATION
19 OF THE ELECTION RESULTS.

20 (j) COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTIONS ARE SUBJECT
21 TO THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 45 OF THIS TITLE 1 AND
22 ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
23 SEEKS NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
24 COMMISSIONER AT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION IS A
25 "CANDIDATE" FOR PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 45 OF THIS TITLE 1 AND SECTION
26 2 (2) OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

27 (k) A CANDIDATE IN A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY

1 ELECTION MAY SELECT WATCHERS IN THE SAME MANNER AS A CANDIDATE
2 IN A NONPARTISAN ELECTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-7-107. THE
3 MEMBERS OF THE CANVASS BOARD FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER
4 VACANCY ELECTION MUST BE APPOINTED AND CERTIFIED IN THE MANNER
5 PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-10-101. ELECTION JUDGES FOR COUNTY
6 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTIONS MUST BE APPOINTED IN THE SAME
7 MANNER AS ELECTION JUDGES FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH SECTION 1-6-111.

9 (l) IF, AT A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, AFTER
10 ALL RECOUNTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, ANY TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES
11 TIE FOR THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR THE SAME OFFICE, THE TIE
12 MUST BE RESOLVED IN A MANNER AGREED UPON BY THE TYING
13 CANDIDATES. IN CASE THE CANDIDATES FAIL TO AGREE ON THE METHOD
14 OF RESOLUTION WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE CANVASS IS COMPLETE, THE
15 TIE MUST BE RESOLVED BY LOT TO BE CAST AS THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY
16 CLERK AND RECORDER MAY DETERMINE.

17 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103, **amend** (2)
18 and (8) as follows:

19 **1-45-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 45, unless the
20 context otherwise requires:

21 (2) "Candidate" ~~shall have~~ HAS the same meaning as set forth in
22 section 2 (2) of article XXVIII of the state constitution; EXCEPT THAT
23 "CANDIDATE" ALSO INCLUDES A CANDIDATE FOR A COUNTY
24 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION.

25 (8) "Election cycle" ~~shall have~~ HAS the same meaning as set forth
26 in section 2 (6) of article XXVIII of the state constitution; EXCEPT THAT,
27 FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTIONS HELD PURSUANT TO

1 SECTION 1-12-206, "ELECTION CYCLE" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON
2 THE DATE THE VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY VACANCY ELECTION OCCURRED
3 AND ENDING THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE VACANCY ELECTION FOR THAT
4 OFFICE.

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6 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103.7, **add** (4.7)
7 as follows:

8 **1-45-103.7. Contribution limits - county offices - school district**
9 **director - treatment of independent expenditure committees -**
10 **contributions from limited liability companies - voter instructions on**
11 **spending limits - definitions.** (4.7) (a) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE
12 ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING FOR A
13 COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, MAY ACCEPT FROM ANY ONE
14 PERSON THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION
15 AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1.5) OF THIS SECTION APPLICABLE TO THE
16 OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER AT ANY POINT DURING THE ELECTION
17 CYCLE.

18 (b) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A
19 CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING FOR A COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
20 ELECTION, MAY EXPEND CONTRIBUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
21 SUBSECTION (4.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION AT ANY POINT DURING THE
22 ELECTION CYCLE.

23 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-108, **amend**
24 (2)(a)(I)(C), (2)(a)(I)(D), and (2)(a)(I)(F) as follows:

25 **1-45-108. Disclosure - definitions - repeal.** (2) (a) (I) Except as
26 provided in subsections (2)(a)(V), (2.1), (2.5), (2.7), and (6) of this
27 section, such reports that are required to be filed with the secretary of

1 state must be filed:

2 (C) On the first day of each month beginning the sixth full month
3 before the major election; except that no monthly report shall be required
4 on the first day of the month in which the major election OR COUNTY
5 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, is held;

6 (D) On the first Monday in September and on each Monday every
7 two weeks thereafter before the major election OR COUNTY
8 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION;

9 (F) Fourteen days before and thirty days after a special legislative
10 election OR COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION, held in an
11 off-election year.

12 **SECTION 8. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
13 \$314,920 is appropriated to the department of state for use by the
14 information technology division. This appropriation is from the
15 department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S.
16 To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for
17 personal services.

18 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
21 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
22 institutions.